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This document comprises a prospectus relating to P2P Global Investments PLC (the “Company”) prepared in accordance with the Prospectus Rules. This document has been approved by the FCA and has been filed with the FCA in accordance with Rule 3.2 of the Prospectus Rules.

Applications have been made to the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange for all of the C Shares now being offered to be admitted to the premium segment of the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange’s main market for listed securities. It is expected that Admission will become effective and that dealings for normal settlement in the C Shares will commence on 28 July 2015. All dealings in C Shares prior to the commencement of unconditional dealings will be at the sole risk of the parties concerned. The C Shares are not dealt in on any other recognised investment exchange and no other such applications have been made or are currently expected.

The Company and each of the Directors, whose names appear on page 45 of this document, accept responsibility for the information contained in this document. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Company and the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

The C Shares are only suitable for investors: (i) who understand and are willing to assume the potential risks of capital loss and that there may be limited liquidity in the underlying investments of the Company; (ii) for whom an investment in the C Shares is part of a diversified investment programme; and (iii) who fully understand and are willing to assume the risks involved in such an investment.

Prospective investors should read this entire document and, in particular, the section headed “Risk Factors” when considering an investment in the Company.

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## **P2P GLOBAL INVESTMENTS PLC**

*(Incorporated in England and Wales with company no. 8805459 and registered as an investment company under section 833 of the Companies Act 2006)*

**Placing and Offer for a Target Issue of 40 Million C Shares  
at £10 per C Share to raise £400 million\***

**Admission to the Premium Segment of the Official List of the  
UK Listing Authority and to trading on the main market  
of the London Stock Exchange**

*Investment Manager*  
**Eaglewood Europe LLP**

*Sub-Manager*  
**Eaglewood Capital Management LLC**

*Sponsor, Joint Broker and Joint Bookrunner*  
**Liberum Capital Limited**

*Joint Broker and Joint Bookrunner*  
**J.P. Morgan Cazenove**

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\*The Directors have reserved the right, in consultation with the Joint Bookrunners, to increase the size of the Issue to up to 55 million C Shares if overall demand exceeds 40 million C Shares, with any such increase being announced through a Regulatory Information Service.

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This document does not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to acquire or subscribe for, C Shares in any jurisdiction where such offer or solicitation is unlawful or would impose any unfulfilled registration, qualification, publication or approval requirements on the Company, Liberum or J.P. Morgan Securities plc. The C Shares have not been, and will not be, registered under the securities laws, or with any securities regulatory authority of, any member state of the EEA (other than the United Kingdom) or any province or territory of Australia, Canada, the Republic of South Africa or Japan. Subject to certain exceptions, the C Shares may not, directly or indirectly, be offered, sold, taken up or delivered in, into or from any member state of the EEA (other than the United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Norway, Belgium, The Netherlands and Sweden), Australia, Canada, the Republic of South Africa or Japan or to or for the account or benefit of any national, resident or citizen or any person resident in any member state of the EEA (other than the United Kingdom, or to professional investors in Luxembourg, Norway, Belgium, The Netherlands and Sweden), Australia, Canada, the Republic of South Africa or Japan. This document does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to purchase or subscribe for C Shares in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful or would impose any unfulfilled registration, publication or approval requirements on the Company. The distribution of this document in other jurisdictions may be restricted by law and therefore persons into whose possession this document comes should inform themselves of and observe any restrictions.

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## SUMMARY

Summaries are made up of disclosure requirements known as “Elements”. These elements are numbered in Sections A-E (A.1-E.7). This summary contains all the Elements required to be included in a summary for this type of securities and issuer. Some Elements are not required to be addressed which means there may be gaps in the numbering sequence of the Elements. Even though an Element may be required to be inserted into the summary because of the type of securities and issuer, it is possible that no relevant information can be given regarding the Element. In this case a short description of the Element is included in the summary with the mention of “not applicable”.

### **Section A – Introduction and warnings**

Element	Disclosure Requirement	Disclosure
A.1.	Warning	This summary should be read as an introduction to this Prospectus. Any decision to invest in the securities should be based on consideration of the Prospectus as a whole by the investor. Where a claim relating to the information contained in this Prospectus is brought before a court, the plaintiff investor might, under the national legislation of the Member States, have to bear the costs of translating this Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated. Civil liability attaches only to those persons who have tabled the summary including any translation thereof, but only if the summary is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this Prospectus or it does not provide, when read together with the other parts of this Prospectus, key information in order to aid investors when considering whether to invest in such securities.
A.2.	Subsequent resale of securities or final placement of securities through financial intermediaries	<p>The Company consents to the use of this Prospectus by financial intermediaries in connection with the subsequent resale or final placement of securities by financial intermediaries.</p> <p>The offer period within which any subsequent resale or final placement of securities by financial intermediaries can be made and for which consent to use this Prospectus is given commences on 30 June 2015 and closes at 5.00 p.m. on 23 July 2015, unless closed prior to that date.</p> <p><b>Information on the terms and conditions of any subsequent resale or final placement of securities by any financial intermediary is to be provided at the time of the offer by the financial intermediary.</b></p>

### **Section B – Issuer**

Element	Disclosure Requirement	Disclosure
B.1.	Legal and commercial name	P2P Global Investments PLC
B.2.	Domicile and legal form	The Company was incorporated in England and Wales on 6 December 2013 with registered number 8805459 as a public company limited by shares under the Act. The principal legislation under which the Company operates is the Act.
B.3.	Current operations	The Group invests in Credit Assets which have been originated via Platforms, primarily in the US and Europe.

B.4.a	Known trends affecting the issuer	<p>In the UK, peer-to-peer lending became subject to increased regulation with effect from 1 April 2014. The Company currently holds an interim permission from the FCA for consumer credit regulated activities. The Company will, between 1 August 2015 and 31 October 2015, be required to seek full authorisation from the FCA to carry on consumer credit regulated activities. The current market in which the Company participates is competitive and rapidly changing. In the United States, the regulatory environment for peer-to-peer loans and securitisation is increasingly dynamic and multilateral, and new statutes that may impact the industry await implementation. The Company may face increasing competition for access to loans as the peer-to-peer lending industry continues to evolve.</p>															
B.5.	Group description	<p>The Company is the holding company of a group consisting of the Company and Eaglewood SPV I LP, a Delaware limited partnership and P2PCL1 PLC, a limited liability company incorporated in England and Wales. The Company holds all of the limited partnership interests in Eaglewood SPV I LP and one Class A Share in P2PCL1 PLC.</p>															
B.6.	Major shareholders	<p>So far as is known to the Company by virtue of the notifications made to it pursuant to the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, as at the Latest Practicable Date, the following persons held, directly or indirectly, three per cent. or more of the Company's voting rights:</p> <table data-bbox="564 902 1394 1144"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="564 969 1082 999"><i>Name</i></th> <th data-bbox="1082 902 1219 999"><i>Number of voting rights held</i></th> <th data-bbox="1219 902 1394 999"><i>% of voting rights</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="564 1014 1082 1043">Thesis Asset Management plc</td> <td data-bbox="1082 1014 1219 1043">2,250,000</td> <td data-bbox="1219 1014 1394 1043">4.870</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="564 1043 1082 1072">Invesco Limited</td> <td data-bbox="1082 1043 1219 1072">1,700,000</td> <td data-bbox="1219 1043 1394 1072">3.680</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="564 1072 1082 1102">Ruffer LLP</td> <td data-bbox="1082 1072 1219 1102">1,509,886</td> <td data-bbox="1219 1072 1394 1102">3.268</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="564 1102 1082 1131">AXA Investment Managers S.A.</td> <td data-bbox="1082 1102 1219 1131">1,475,000</td> <td data-bbox="1219 1102 1394 1131">3.193</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All Shareholders have the same voting rights in respect of the share capital of the Company.</p> <p>The Company and the Directors are not aware of any person who, directly or indirectly, jointly or severally, exercises or could exercise control over the Company.</p>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Number of voting rights held</i>	<i>% of voting rights</i>	Thesis Asset Management plc	2,250,000	4.870	Invesco Limited	1,700,000	3.680	Ruffer LLP	1,509,886	3.268	AXA Investment Managers S.A.	1,475,000	3.193
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B.7.	Key financial information	<p>The financial information below illustrates the audited net assets as at 31 December 2014:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>31 December 2014</i> £</p> <p><b>Non-current assets:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Investment assets designated as held at fair value through profit or loss</td> <td style="text-align: right;">122,516,585</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loans at amortised cost</td> <td style="text-align: right;">61,614,163</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">183,830,748</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Current assets</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Cash and cash equivalents</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16,166,498</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cash pledged as collateral</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,030,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other current assets and prepaid expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">337,806</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">17,534,304</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Total assets</b> <span style="float: right; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">201,365,052</span></p> <p><b>Current liabilities</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Derivative financial instruments</td> <td style="text-align: right;">530,114</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Investment management fees payable</td> <td style="text-align: right;">108,365</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Accrued expenses and other liabilities</td> <td style="text-align: right;">375,428</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">1,013,907</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Total assets less current liabilities</b> <span style="float: right; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">200,351,145</span></p> <p>Save to the extent disclosed below, as at the date of this document, there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Company since 31 December 2014, being the end of the last period for which audited financial information has been published.</p> <p>In January 2015, the Company issued 25 million C Shares at £10 per share which commenced trading on the London Stock Exchange on 29 January 2015. A dividend of 12.5 pence per Ordinary Share was paid on 2 April 2015 resulting in a reduction in cash and cash equivalents of £2,500,000. In June 2015, the Company issued 1,999,999 new Ordinary Shares at £10.75 per Ordinary Share which commenced trading on the London Stock Exchange on 22 June 2015. A dividend of 16.5 pence per Ordinary Share was paid by the Company on 26 June 2015 resulting in a reduction in cash and cash equivalents of £3,300,000.</p>	Investment assets designated as held at fair value through profit or loss	122,516,585	Loans at amortised cost	61,614,163		183,830,748	Cash and cash equivalents	16,166,498	Cash pledged as collateral	1,030,000	Other current assets and prepaid expenses	337,806		17,534,304	Derivative financial instruments	530,114	Investment management fees payable	108,365	Accrued expenses and other liabilities	375,428		1,013,907
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B.8.	Key pro forma financial information	Not applicable. No pro forma financial information is included in this document.																						
B.9.	Profit forecast	Not applicable. No profit forecast or estimate made.																						
B.10.	Description of the nature of any qualifications in the audit report on the historical financial information	Not applicable. The historical financial information contained in this document is not qualified.																						
B.11.	Insufficiency of working capital	Not applicable. In the opinion of the Company, the working capital available to the Group is sufficient for its present requirements, namely for at least 12 months from the date of this document.																						

B.34.	Investment objective and policy	<p>The Company's investment objective is to provide Shareholders with an attractive level of dividend income and capital growth through exposure to investments in alternative finance and related instruments.</p> <p>The Company invests in consumer loans, SME loans, corporate loans, and advances and loans against corporate trade receivables and other assets, which have been originated via Platforms. The Company may also invest in facilities, securities or other interests backed by a portfolio of any of the aforementioned loans, assets or receivables (all of the foregoing, "Credit Assets"). The Company will typically seek to invest in Credit Assets with targeted net annualised returns of 5 to 15 per cent.</p> <p>The Company purchases Credit Assets directly (via Platforms) and also invests in Credit Assets indirectly via other investment funds (including those managed by the Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager or their affiliates) that it deems suitable with a view to enhancing Shareholder returns and providing diversification of the Company's assets. The Company will generally only seek to invest via other investment funds where these enable investments in Credit Assets from Platforms that the Company either cannot gain direct access to or could only gain direct access to on less favourable terms than an investment via another investment fund. The Company's investments in Credit Assets may be made through subsidiaries of the Company.</p> <p>The Company may also invest (in aggregate) up to 10 per cent. of Gross Assets (at the time of investment) in the listed or unlisted securities issued by one or more Platforms. This restriction shall not apply to any consideration paid by the Company for the issue to it of any convertible securities by a Platform. However, it will apply to any consideration payable by the Company at the time of exercise of any such convertible securities or any warrants issued by a Platform.</p> <p>The Company invests across various Platforms, asset classes, geographies (primarily US and Europe) and credit risk bands in order to ensure diversification and to seek to mitigate concentration risks. The following investment limits and restrictions apply to the Company, to ensure that the diversification of the Company's portfolio is maintained and that concentration risk is limited:</p> <p><i>Platform restrictions</i></p> <p>The Company will not invest more than 33 per cent. of Gross Assets via any single Platform. This limit may be increased to 66 per cent. of Gross Assets via any single Platform, provided that where this limit is so increased in respect of any Platform the Company does not invest an amount which is greater than 25 per cent. (by value) of the total loan origination of the preceding calendar year through such Platform.</p> <p><i>Asset class and geographic restrictions</i></p> <p>No single loan acquired by the Company will have an Expected Average Life of greater than 5 years. No single trade receivable asset acquired by the Company will be for a term longer than 180 days.</p> <p>The Company will not invest more than 20 per cent. of Gross Assets, at the time of investment, via any single investment fund investing in Credit Assets. The Company will not invest, in aggregate, more than 60 per cent. of Gross Assets, at the time of investment, in other investment funds that invest in Credit Assets.</p> <p>The Company will not invest more than 10 per cent. of its Gross Assets, at the time of investment, in other listed closed-ended investment funds, whether managed by the Investment Manager or not, except that this restriction shall not apply to investments in listed closed-ended</p>
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		<p>investment funds which themselves have stated investment policies to invest no more than 15 per cent. of their gross assets in other listed closed-ended investment funds.</p> <p>The following apply, in each case at the time of investment by the Company, to both Credit Assets acquired by the Company directly and on a look-through basis to any Credit Assets held by another investment fund in which the Company invests (proportionate to the percentage interest the Company has in such investment fund). It is intended that:</p> <p>No single consumer loan shall exceed 0.25 per cent. of Gross Assets.</p> <p>No single SME loan shall exceed 5.0 per cent. of Gross Assets.</p> <p>No single advance or loan against a trade receivable asset shall exceed 5.0 per cent. of Gross Assets.</p> <p>No single corporate loan shall exceed 5 per cent. of Gross Assets.</p> <p>No single facility, security or other interest backed by a portfolio of loans, assets or receivables (excluding any borrowing ring-fenced within any SPV which would be without recourse to the Company) shall exceed 20 per cent. of Gross Assets.</p> <p>For illustrative purposes only, if the Company acquires a 10 per cent. interest in another investment fund which invests in Credit Assets, at the time of investment in that other investment fund, no single consumer loan held by that investment fund may exceed 2.5 per cent. of Gross Assets.</p> <p>The following restrictions apply to both Credit Assets acquired by the Company directly and on a look-through basis to any Credit Assets held by another investment fund in which the Company invests (proportionate to the percentage interest the Company has in such investment fund):</p> <p>At least 10 per cent. of Gross Assets will be maintained in consumer Credit Assets, not more than 50 per cent. of Gross Assets will be maintained in SME Credit Assets and not more than 50 per cent. of Gross Assets will be maintained in trade receivable assets.</p> <p>The Company will maintain at least 10 per cent. of Gross Assets in Credit Assets in Europe and at least 10 per cent. of Gross Assets in Credit Assets in the United States.</p> <p><i>Other restrictions</i></p> <p>The Company may invest in cash, cash equivalents and fixed income instruments for cash management purposes and with a view to enhancing returns to Shareholders or mitigating credit exposure. However, the Company will only invest in fixed income instruments of investment grade.</p> <p>The Company will not invest in CDOs.</p>
B.35	Borrowing limits	<p>Borrowings may be employed at the level of the Company and at the level of any investee entity (including, without limitation, any other investment fund in which the Company invests or any special purpose vehicle ("SPV") that may be established by the Company in connection with obtaining leverage against any of its assets or any issuer vehicle of facilities, securities or other interests backed by a portfolio of Credit Assets).</p> <p>The aggregate leverage of the Company and any investee entity (on a look-through basis, proportionate to the percentage interest the Company retains in the most junior tranche of such investee entity) shall not exceed 1.5 times Net Asset Value.</p>

		The Company may seek to securitise portfolios of Credit Assets and may establish one or more SPVs in connection with any such securitisation.
B.36.	Regulatory status	As an investment trust, the Company is not regulated as a collective investment scheme by the Financial Conduct Authority. However, it is subject to the Listing Rules, Prospectus Rules and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules and the rules of the London Stock Exchange. The Company currently holds an interim permission from the FCA for consumer credit regulated activities.
B.37.	Typical investor	The Issue is designed to be suitable for institutional investors and professionally-advised private investors seeking exposure to alternative finance investments and related instruments, including P2P loans. The C Shares may also be suitable for non-advised private investors who are capable of evaluating the risks and merits of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to bear any loss which may result from such an investment. Such investors may wish to consult an independent financial adviser who specialises in advising on the acquisition of shares and other securities before investing in C Shares in the Issue.
B.38.	Investment of 20 per cent. or more of gross assets in single underlying asset or collective investment undertaking	Not applicable. The Company will not invest more than 20 per cent. of its gross assets in a single underlying asset or in one or more collective investment undertakings which may in turn invest more than 20 per cent. of gross assets in other collective investment undertakings.
B.39.	Investment of 40 per cent. or more of gross assets in another collective investment undertaking	Not applicable. The Company will not invest more than 40 per cent. of its gross assets in another collective investment undertaking.
B.40	Applicant's service providers	<p><i>Investment Manager</i></p> <p>The Company's investment manager is Eaglewood Europe LLP ("Eaglewood Europe"). Eaglewood Europe is responsible for the management of the assets of the Company in accordance with the terms of the Management Agreement. Eaglewood Europe is a limited liability partnership incorporated under the laws of England and Wales and it is indirectly majority owned and controlled by Marshall Wace Holdings Limited.</p> <p>Under the terms of the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager is entitled to a management fee and a performance fee together with reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by it in the performance of its duties.</p> <p>The management fee is payable monthly in arrears and is at the rate of 1/12 of 1.0 per cent. per month of Net Asset Value (the "Management Fee").</p> <p>Following Admission, the Management Fee will be charged on the net assets attributable to the Ordinary Shares and the C Shares respectively.</p> <p>To seek to avoid fee layering, if at any time the Company invests in or through any other investment fund or special purpose vehicle and a management fee or advisory fee is charged to such investment fund or</p>

special purpose vehicle by the Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager or any of their affiliates, the value of such investment will be excluded from the calculation of Net Asset Value for the purposes of determining the Management Fee.

The Investment Manager charges a fee based on a percentage of gross assets (such percentage not to exceed 1.0 per cent.) to any entity which is within the Group and which employs leverage for the purpose of its investment policy or strategy.

*Performance fee*

The Investment Manager is also entitled to a performance fee calculated by reference to the movements in the Adjusted Net Asset Value since the end of the Calculation Period (as defined below) in respect of which a performance fee was last earned or First Admission if no performance fee has yet been earned (the “High Water Mark”).

The performance fee will be calculated in respect of each twelve month period starting on 1 January and ending on 31 December in each calendar year (a “Calculation Period”), provided that if at the end of what would otherwise be a Calculation Period no performance fee has been earned in respect of that period, the Calculation Period shall carry on for the next 12 month period and shall be deemed to be the same Calculation Period and this process shall continue until a performance fee is next earned at the end of the relevant period.

The performance fee will be a sum equal to 15 per cent. of such amount (if positive) and will only be payable if the Adjusted Net Asset Value at the end of a Calculation Period exceeds the High Water Mark.

Following Admission, the Investment Manager shall be entitled to a performance fee in respect of the net assets referable to the C Shares on the same basis as summarised above. A Calculation Period shall be deemed to end on the date of their conversion into Ordinary Shares.

*Sub-Manager*

The Investment Manager has, pursuant to the Sub-Management Agreement, delegated certain of its responsibilities and functions, including its discretionary management of the Company’s portfolio of Credit Assets, to the Sub-Manager, Eaglewood Capital Management LLC. The Sub-Manager is an affiliate of the Investment Manager. The Sub-Manager is a Delaware limited liability company and is registered with the SEC as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended.

*Sponsor*

Liberum has agreed to act as sponsor to the Issue.

*Joint Bookrunners and Joint Brokers*

Each of Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove has agreed to use its reasonable endeavours to procure subscribers for C Shares at the Issue Price pursuant to the Placing. In consideration for its services in relation to the Issue and conditional upon completion of the Issue, each of Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove will share a commission of up to 1.0 per cent. of the value of the C Shares issued pursuant to the Issue at the Issue Price.

Each of Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove has been appointed as joint corporate broker to the Company. Under the terms of the Broker Agreement, Liberum is entitled to a fee of £50,000 per annum (exclusive of VAT).

	<p><i>Administrator and External Valuer</i></p> <p>Citco Fund Services (Ireland) Limited has been appointed as the administrator of the Group. The Administrator is responsible for the Group's general administrative functions, such as the calculation of the Net Asset Value and maintenance of the Group's accounting records.</p> <p>Under the terms of the Administration Agreement, the Administrator is entitled to an administration fee of 0.05 per cent. per annum of Net Asset Value, subject to a minimum monthly fee of £5,000.</p> <p>Under the terms of the External Valuer Agreement, the Company has appointed the External Valuer to provide valuation services in respect of any Designated Investments.</p> <p><i>Company Secretary</i></p> <p>Capita Company Secretarial Services Limited has been appointed as the company secretary of the Company. The Company Secretary provides the general secretarial functions required by the Act and is responsible for the maintenance of the Company's statutory records.</p> <p>Under the terms of the Company Secretarial Agreement, the Company Secretary is entitled to an annual fee of £45,000, plus VAT and disbursements. Capita Company Secretarial Services Limited will also be entitled to receive a fee of £7,500 for its services in respect of the Issue.</p> <p><i>Registrar</i></p> <p>Capita Asset Services has been appointed as the Company's registrar to provide share registration services. Under the terms of the Registrar Agreement, the Registrar is entitled to an annual maintenance fee of £1.25 per Shareholder account per annum, subject to a minimum fee of £2,500 per annum (exclusive of VAT).</p> <p><i>Depository</i></p> <p>Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A. has been appointed as the Company's depository for the purposes of the AIFM Directive. Under the terms of the Depository Agreement, the Depository is entitled to a fee of up to 0.025 per cent. per annum of Net Asset Value, subject to a minimum monthly fee of £3,000 (exclusive of VAT). Subject to the terms of the AIFM Directive and the Depository Agreement, the Depository is entitled to delegate its custody and safe-keeping functions. It is intended that title to the Company's assets will ordinarily be registered or held directly in the name of the Company or a wholly-owned SPV and that the Company will generally not invest in financial instruments that are required to be held in custody within the meaning of Article 21(8)(a) of the AIFM Directive. Notwithstanding such intention, there is the possibility that investments in such financial instruments may be made and/or applicable law or regulations from time to time in force may require title to some or all of the Company's assets to be registered in the name of the Depository or its delegates. In such event, the Depository may wish to delegate its safekeeping function with respect to such asset(s) to one or more sub-custodians (who may be an affiliate of the Depository) and may wish to enter an arrangement to contractually discharge itself of liability. Investors will be informed of any such arrangements, and any increase to the depository fees charged as a result, in accordance with the disclosure requirements under the AIFM Directive. Any fees and expenses of a sub-custodian will be payable by the Company in addition to the fees charged by the Depository.</p>
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B.41.	Regulatory status of investment manager and depositary	The Investment Manager is authorised and regulated by the FCA. The Depositary is authorised and regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier of Luxembourg (the "CSSF").																								
B.42.	Calculation and publication of Net Asset Value	The unaudited Net Asset Value per Share is calculated by the Administrator on a monthly basis. Such calculations are published monthly through a Regulatory Information Service and are available through the Company's website.																								
B.43.	Cross liability	Not applicable. The Company is not an umbrella collective investment undertaking and as such there is no cross liability between classes or investment in another collective investment undertaking.																								
B.44.	No financial statements have been made up	Not applicable.																								
B.45.	Portfolio	<p>As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had fully deployed the net proceeds of the First Placing and Offer and 90 per cent. of the net proceeds of the First C Share Placing and Offer (together the "Net Proceeds") in, primarily, European and US consumer and SME Credit Assets and in equity issued by Platforms, with the balance, including the proceeds of the recent Tap Issue, being held as cash and other assets in accordance with the Company's investment policy. The table below illustrates the portfolio composition<sup>1</sup> as at the Latest Practicable Date, and has been produced from unaudited Investment Manager management accounts:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><i>Credit Assets held directly via Platforms</i></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><i>Credit Assets held indirectly via other investment funds</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>% of Net Proceeds in European Consumer Credit Assets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">13.4</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>% of Net Proceeds in European SME Credit Assets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10.3</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>% of Net Proceeds in US Consumer Credit Assets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">40.9</td> <td style="text-align: right;">14.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>% of Net Proceeds in US SME Credit Assets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.3</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>% of Net Proceeds in other jurisdictions in Consumer Credit Assets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.2</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>% of Net Proceeds in other jurisdictions in SME Credit Assets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>% of Net Proceeds in equity issued by Platforms</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2.2</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<i>Credit Assets held directly via Platforms</i>	<i>Credit Assets held indirectly via other investment funds</i>	% of Net Proceeds in European Consumer Credit Assets	13.4	1.7	% of Net Proceeds in European SME Credit Assets	10.3	0	% of Net Proceeds in US Consumer Credit Assets	40.9	14.1	% of Net Proceeds in US SME Credit Assets	1.3	3.2	% of Net Proceeds in other jurisdictions in Consumer Credit Assets	1.2	0	% of Net Proceeds in other jurisdictions in SME Credit Assets	0	0	% of Net Proceeds in equity issued by Platforms	2.2	0
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B.46.	Net Asset Value	As at 31 May 2015, the unaudited Net Asset Value per Ordinary Share was 1001.85 pence and the unaudited Net Asset Value per Existing C Share was 998.46 pence.																								

<sup>1</sup> On a blended portfolio basis depicting the assets attributable to the Ordinary Shares and the Existing C Shares together

## Section C – Securities

Element	Disclosure Requirement	Disclosure									
C.1.	Type and class of securities	<p>C Shares of nominal value £0.10 each.</p> <p>The ISIN of the C Shares is GB00BYRY7J03. The SEDOL of the C Shares is BYRY7J0.</p> <p>The ticker for the C Shares is P2P2.</p>									
C.2.	Currency denomination of C Shares and Ordinary Shares	Sterling									
C.3.	Details of share capital	<p>Set out below is the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this document:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><i>Nominal Value (£)</i></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><i>Number</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ordinary Shares</td> <td style="text-align: right;">219,999</td> <td style="text-align: right;">21,999,999</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Existing C Shares</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,500,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">25,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Existing C Shares are expected to be converted, in accordance with the Articles, into Ordinary Shares on or around 22 July 2015 and, in any event, prior to the issue of any new C Shares pursuant to the Issue. The Ordinary Shares and the Existing C Shares are fully paid up.</p>		<i>Nominal Value (£)</i>	<i>Number</i>	Ordinary Shares	219,999	21,999,999	Existing C Shares	2,500,000	25,000,000
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C.4.	Rights attaching to the C Shares and Ordinary Shares	<p>The holders of the C Shares and Ordinary Shares shall only be entitled to receive, and to participate in, any dividends declared in relation to the relevant class of shares that they hold.</p> <p>On a winding-up or a return of capital by the Company, if there are C Shares in issue, the net assets of the Company attributable to the C Shares shall be divided pro rata among the holders of the C Shares. For so long as C Shares are in issue, and without prejudice to the Company's obligations under the Act, the assets attributable to the C Shares shall, at all times, be separately identified and shall have allocated to them such proportion of the expenses or liabilities of the Company as the Directors fairly consider to be attributable to the C Shares.</p> <p>The holders of Ordinary Shares shall be entitled to all of the Company's remaining net assets after taking into account any net assets attributable to the C Shares.</p> <p>The C Shares and the Ordinary Shares shall carry the right to receive notice of, attend and vote at general meetings of the Company.</p> <p>The consent of either the holders of C Shares or the holders of Ordinary Shares will be required for the variation of any rights attached to the relevant class of shares.</p> <p>The Company has no fixed life but, pursuant to the Articles, an ordinary resolution for the continuation of the Company will be proposed at the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2021 and, if passed, every five years thereafter. Upon any such resolution not being passed, proposals will be put forward to the effect that the Company be wound up, liquidated, reconstructed or unitised.</p>									

C.5.	Restrictions on the free transferability of the securities	There are no restrictions on the free transferability of the Shares, subject to compliance with applicable securities laws.
C.6.	Admission	Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange for all of the C Shares now being offered to be admitted to the premium segment of the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities. It is expected that Admission will become effective and that dealings for normal settlement in the C Shares will commence on 28 July 2015.
C.7.	Dividend policy	<p>The Company intends to distribute at least 85 per cent. of its distributable income earned in each financial year by way of dividends. The Company generally intends to pay dividends on a quarterly basis. On 29 June 2015, the Directors declared an interim dividend, relating to both the Ordinary Shares and the Existing C Shares, for the two month period ending 31 May 2015. The record date for the interim dividend falls prior to the Calculation Date for the Conversion of the Existing C Shares. The next anticipated interim dividend will be for the period ending 30 September 2015. The Company targets an annualised dividend yield of at least 6 to 8 per cent. of the Issue Price.</p> <p>It is the intention of the Board to move towards a policy of balancing the quarterly dividend payments as soon as the revenue reserve position of the Company permits this approach. Investors should note that the target dividend, including its declaration and payment dates, is a target only and not a profit forecast. The Company has arranged a dividend reinvestment plan that gives Shareholders the opportunity to use any cash dividends to buy Ordinary Shares through a special dealing arrangement.</p>
C.22.	Information about the Ordinary Shares	<p>Following Conversion, the investments which were attributable to the C Shares will be merged with the Company's existing portfolio of investments. The new Ordinary Shares arising on Conversion of the C Shares will rank <i>pari passu</i> with the Ordinary Shares then in issue.</p> <p>The Ordinary Shares carry the right to receive all dividends declared by the Company or the Directors, subject to the rights of any C Shares in issue.</p> <p>On a winding-up, provided the Company has satisfied all of its liabilities and subject to the rights conferred by any C Shares in issue at that time to participate in the winding-up, the holders of Ordinary Shares are entitled to all of the surplus assets of the Company.</p> <p>Holders of Ordinary Shares are entitled to attend and vote at all general meetings of the Company and, on a poll, to one vote for each Ordinary Share held.</p> <p>The nominal value of the Ordinary Shares is £0.01 per Ordinary Share.</p> <p>The Ordinary Shares are in registered form, have been admitted to the premium listing segment of the Official List and are traded on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities. The Company will use its reasonable endeavours to procure that, upon Conversion, the new Ordinary Shares are admitted to the premium listing segment of the Official List and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities.</p> <p>There are no restrictions on the free transferability of the Ordinary Shares, subject to compliance with applicable securities laws.</p>

## Section D – Risks

Element	Disclosure Requirement	Disclosure
D.1.	Key information on the key risks that are specific to the Company and its industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There can be no guarantee that the Group's portfolio will generate the rates of return referred to in this document. There is no guarantee that any dividends will be paid in respect of any financial year or period.</li> <li>● The Company has no employees and is reliant on the performance of third party service providers.</li> <li>● The Company is reliant on the effective operation of the Investment Manager's, the Sub-Manager's and the Platforms' IT systems for the loan acquisition process. Any IT systems failure could have a material adverse effect on the ability to acquire and realise investments.</li> <li>● The Group may borrow money for investment purposes, which exposes the Group to risks associated with borrowings.</li> <li>● Loans acquired through Platforms are subject to risks of borrower member default. The default history for loans is limited and actual defaults may be greater than indicated by historical data.</li> <li>● The P2P industry in the UK faced increased regulation from 1 April 2014. These and any future regulatory changes may result in interruptions in operations, increased costs and reduced returns to the Company. The Company will, between 1 August 2015 and 31 October 2015, be required to seek full authorisation from the FCA to carry on consumer credit regulated activities. Any failure to obtain authorisation may have an adverse impact on the Company's future ability to invest in UK consumer loans.</li> <li>● The Company, in common with other Platform lender members, may be exposed to the following risks relating to compliance and regulation of the Platforms and the Company in the United States: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Federal and state regulators could subject the Platforms and their lender members, such as the Company, to legal and regulatory examination or enforcement action.</li> <li>– Non-compliance with laws and regulations may impair the Platforms' ability to arrange or service borrower member loans, which could impact the Company's ability to purchase loans or Notes or receive payments on the loans or Notes it has already purchased.</li> <li>– Potential characterisation of loan marketers as lenders may have a material adverse effect on the Company.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Any change in the Company's tax status or in taxation legislation or practice generally could adversely affect the value of the investments held by the Company, or the Company's ability to provide returns to Shareholders, or alter the post-tax returns to Shareholders.</li> </ul>
D.3.	Key information on the key risks that are specific to the C Shares and the Ordinary Shares	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The value of the Ordinary Shares and the C Shares and the income derived from those shares (if any) can fluctuate and may go down as well as up. The Ordinary Shares and the C Shares may trade at a discount to NAV.</li> <li>● It may be difficult for Shareholders to realise their investment and there may not be a liquid market in the Ordinary Shares or the C Shares.</li> </ul>

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### Section E – Offer

Element	Disclosure Requirement	Disclosure
E.1.	Proceeds and expenses of the issue	<p>The net proceeds of the Issue are dependent on the level of subscriptions received pursuant to the Issue. Assuming gross proceeds of the Issue are £400 million, the net proceeds will be approximately £396 million.</p> <p>The costs and expenses of the Issue have been capped at 1.3 per cent. of the gross proceeds and will not therefore exceed £5.2 million, assuming gross proceeds of the Issue are £400 million.</p>
E.2.a.	Reasons for the Issue, use of proceeds and estimated net amount of proceeds	<p>The Company had fully deployed the net proceeds of the First Placing and Offer and 90 per cent. of the net proceeds of the First C Share Placing and Offer as at the Latest Practicable Date. As at 31 May 2015, the Company's return on Net Asset Value was 5.26 per cent. in respect of the Ordinary Shares and 0.87 per cent. in respect of the Existing C Shares (in each case from inception and excluding issue costs).</p> <p>The Board, as advised by the Investment Manager, believes that there are further attractive opportunities for the Company to deliver value for Shareholders through exposure to alternative finance investments and related instruments, including P2P loans. Taken together with the prevailing rating of the Ordinary Shares and the Existing C Shares, and the support shown by existing Shareholders, the Board believes that it is appropriate to seek to increase the size of the Company.</p> <p>The estimated net proceeds of the Issue are £396 million, assuming that target gross proceeds of £400 million are raised. The Directors intend to use the net proceeds of the Issue to acquire investments in accordance with the Company's investment objective and policy.</p>
E.3.	Terms and conditions of the Issue	<p>The C Shares are being made available under the Issue at the Issue Price.</p> <p>The Placing will close at 5.00 p.m. on 23 July 2015 (or such later date as the Company, Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove may agree). If the Placing is extended, the revised timetable will be notified through a Regulatory Information Service.</p> <p>Applications under the Issue must be for shares with a minimum subscription amount of £1,000.</p> <p>The Issue is conditional upon: (a) admission of the C Shares to be issued pursuant to the Issue to the Official List and to trading on the main market of the London Stock Exchange occurring on or before 8.00 a.m. (London time) on 28 July 2015 (or such time and/or date as the Company, Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove may agree, being not later than 31 August 2015); (b) the Placing Agreement becoming unconditional in all respects (save for conditions relating to Admission) and not having been terminated in accordance with its terms before Admission; and (c) Conversion of the Existing C Shares.</p>

E.4.	Material interests	Not applicable. There are no interests that are material to the Issue and no conflicting interests.
E.5.	Name of person selling securities	Not applicable. No person or entity is offering to sell Shares as part of the Issue.
E.6.	Dilution	<p>The C Shares issued pursuant to the Issue will convert into Ordinary Shares.</p> <p>The number of Ordinary Shares into which each C Share converts will be determined by the relative NAV per C Share and NAV per Ordinary Share at the Conversion Date. As a result of Conversion, the percentage of the total number of issued Ordinary Shares held by each existing holder of Ordinary Shares will be reduced to the extent that Shareholders do not acquire a sufficient number of C Shares under the Issue.</p>
E.7.	Estimated expenses charged to the investor by the issuer	Not applicable. Other than in respect of expenses of, or incidental to, Admission and the Issue which the Company intends to pay out of the proceeds of the Issue (and which will be borne by holders of the new C Shares only), there are no commissions, fees or expenses to be charged to investors by the Company under the Issue.

## RISK FACTORS

Investment in the Company should not be regarded as short-term in nature and involves a high degree of risk. Accordingly, investors should consider carefully all of the information set out in this document and the risks attaching to an investment in the Company, including, in particular, the risks described below.

The Directors believe that the risks described below are the material risks relating to the Shares at the date of this document. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to the Directors, or that the Directors deem immaterial at the date of this document, may also have an adverse effect on the performance of the Group and the value of the Shares. Investors should review this document carefully and in its entirety and consult with their professional advisers before making an application to participate in the Issue.

Prospective investors should note that the risks relating to the Group, its industry and the Shares summarised in the section of this document headed "Summary" are the risks that the Directors believe to be the most essential to an assessment by a prospective investor of whether to consider an investment in the Shares. However, as the risks which the Group faces relate to events and depend on circumstances that may or may not occur in the future, prospective investors should consider not only the information on the key risks summarised in the section of this document headed "Summary" but also, among other things, the risks and uncertainties described below.

Although the risks described below are generally described separately, prospective investors should consider the potential effects of the interplay of multiple risk factors. Where more than one significant risk factor is present, the risk of loss to an investor may be significantly increased.

The past performance of the Group and of investments which are referred to in this document are for information or illustrative purposes only and should not be interpreted as an indication, or as a guarantee, of future performance.

### 1. RISKS RELATING TO THE GROUP AND THE INVESTMENT STRATEGY

#### ***The Company may not meet its investment objective***

The Company may not achieve its investment objective. Meeting that objective is a target but the existence of such an objective should not be considered as an assurance or guarantee that it can or will be met.

The Company's investment objective includes the aim of providing Shareholders with a dividend income. There is no guarantee that any dividends will be paid in respect of any financial year or period. The ability to pay dividends is dependent on a number of factors including the level of income returns from the Group's portfolio of investments. There can be no guarantee that the Group's portfolio of investments will achieve the target rates of return referred to in this document or that it will not sustain any capital losses through its investments.

#### ***The Company has a limited operating history***

The Company was incorporated on 6 December 2013. An investment in the Company is subject to all the risks and uncertainties associated with a recently established business, including the risk that the Company will not achieve its investment objective and that the value of an investment in the Company could decline substantially as a consequence.

#### ***The effects of both normal market fluctuations and the current global economic crisis may impact the Group's business, operating results or financial condition***

These are factors which are outside the Company's control and which may affect the volatility of underlying asset values and the liquidity and the value of the Group's portfolio of investments. Changes in economic conditions in the US, UK and Europe where the Group predominantly invests (for example, interest rates and rates of inflation, industry conditions, competition, political and diplomatic events, unemployment, consumer spending, consumer sentiment and other factors) could substantially and adversely affect the Group's prospects.

### **Borrowing risk**

Borrowings may be employed at the level of the Company and at the level of any investee entity (including any other investment fund in which the Company invests or any special purpose vehicle (“SPV”) that may be established or utilised by the Company in connection with obtaining leverage against any of its assets or any issuer vehicle of facilities, securities or other interests backed by a portfolio of Credit Assets).

Prospective investors should be aware that, whilst the use of borrowings should enhance the Net Asset Value when the value of the Group’s underlying assets is rising, it will have the opposite effect where the underlying asset value is falling. In addition, in the event that the Group’s income falls for whatever reason, the use of borrowings will increase the impact of such a fall on the net revenue of the Group and accordingly will have an adverse effect on the Company’s ability to pay dividends to Shareholders.

The Group will pay interest on any borrowing it incurs. As such, the Group is exposed to interest rate risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing market rates. Interest rate movements may affect the level of income receivable by the Company and the interest payable on the Group’s variable rate borrowings. In the event that interest rate movements lower the level of income receivable or raise the interest required to be paid by the Group, returns to investors will be reduced.

The Group may also invest in other investment funds that employ leverage with the aim of enhancing returns to investors. Where an investment fund employs leverage, shares, limited partnership interests or units in such investment funds will rank after such borrowings and should these investment funds’ assets fall in value, their ability to pay their investors may be affected.

Funding sources available to support the maintenance and growth of the Company’s business may include, among other things, secured and unsecured debt facilities.

The Group may utilise debt facilities and other forms of debt financing in order to finance some of its loans that it makes to borrower members. However, there can be no guarantee that these financing sources will continue to be available beyond the current maturity date of any such facilities, on reasonable terms or at all. If the Group is unable to refinance on acceptable terms or at all, it may be required to dispose of assets or reduce its investment activity which may have a material adverse effect on the Net Asset Value and returns to investors.

As the volume of loans that the Group makes to borrower members increases, the Group may require the expansion of its borrowing capacity on its existing debt facilities and other forms of debt financing or the addition of new sources of capital.

The availability of these financing sources depends on many factors, some of which are outside the Group’s control. Additionally, the Company’s liquidity may be adversely affected by its inability to comply with various covenants and other specified requirements set forth in the agreements related to such facilities, which could result in the early amortisation, default and/or acceleration of such facilities. The Group may also experience the occurrence of events of default or breaches of financial or performance covenants under its financing arrangements, which could reduce or terminate its access to institutional funding. In the event of a sudden or unexpected shortage of funds in the banking system, there is no assurance that the Group will be able to maintain necessary levels of funding without incurring high funding costs or the liquidation of certain assets. Should any of these events occur, and the Group is unable to arrange new or alternative methods of financing on favourable terms, the Group may have to curtail its investment in loans, which could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, operating results and cash flow.

### ***The Company has no employees and is reliant on the performance of third party service providers***

The Company has no employees and the Directors have all been appointed on a non-executive basis. Whilst the Company has taken all reasonable steps to establish and maintain adequate procedures, systems and controls to enable it to comply with its obligations, the Company is reliant upon the performance of third party service providers for its executive function. In particular, the Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager, the Depositary, the Administrator, the Loan Administrator, the External Valuer and the Registrar perform services which are integral to the operation of the Company. Failure by any service provider to carry out its obligations to the Company in accordance with the terms of its appointment could have a materially detrimental impact on the operation of the Company.

The past performance of other investments managed or advised by the Sub-Manager or its affiliates cannot be relied upon as an indicator of the future performance of the Company. Investor returns are dependent upon the Company successfully pursuing its investment policy. The success of the Company depends, *inter alia*, on the Investment Manager's and the Sub-Manager's ability to identify, acquire and realise investments in accordance with the Company's investment policy. This, in turn, depends on the ability of the Investment Manager and the Sub-Manager to apply their investment processes in a way which is capable of identifying suitable investments for the Group to invest in. There can be no assurance that the Investment Manager or the Sub-Manager will be able to do so or that the Group will be able to invest its assets on attractive terms or generate any investment returns for Shareholders or avoid investment losses.

***The Group is reliant on IT systems to facilitate the loan acquisition process***

The Investment Manager and its affiliates have developed their own bespoke software and infrastructure to facilitate the loan acquisition process through direct API connectivity with certain Platforms. The Group is reliant on the functionality of such systems. Any failure of the IT systems developed and maintained by the Investment Manager and its affiliates could have a material adverse effect on the ability to acquire and realise investments and therefore impact the Group's results of operations.

The Investment Manager is reliant upon attaining data feeds directly from the Platforms via an API connection. Any delays or failures could impact operational controls and the valuation of the portfolio. While the Investment Manager has in place systems to continually monitor the performance of these IT systems, there can be no guarantee that issues will not arise that may require attention from a specific Platform. Any such issues may result in processing delays. To seek to mitigate this risk the Investment Manager has in place, with each Platform through which the Group has already invested, a defined process and communication standard to support the exchange of data. The Investment Manager will also seek to put such agreements in place with any other Platforms through which the Group may in future invest.

The IT systems of the Platforms are outside the control of the Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager and the Group. Technology complications associated with lost or broken data fields as a result of Platform-level changes to API protocols may impact the Group's ability to receive and process the data received from the Platforms. Moreover, Platforms may not integrate API protocols with the Investment Manager or the Sub-Manager, causing delay in the deployment of lending capital and investment returns.

The Sub-Manager relies extensively on computer systems and proprietary programs to evaluate and purchase member loans, to monitor its portfolios and to generate reports that are critical to oversight of the Eaglewood Funds' activities. In addition, certain of the Eaglewood Funds' and the Sub-Manager's operations interface with or depend on systems operated by third parties, and the Sub-Manager may not be in a position to verify the risks or reliability of such third-party systems. These programs or systems may be subject to certain defects, failures or interruptions, including those caused by computer "worms," viruses and power failures. Such failures could cause the evaluation and purchase of member loans to fail, lead to inaccurate accounting, recording or processing of transactions relating to member loans, and cause inaccurate reports, which may affect the Sub-Manager's ability to monitor investments and risks as well as its ability to deploy capital. Any such defect or failure could cause the Group to suffer financial loss, the disruption of its business, regulatory intervention or reputational damage.

***The Group may experience fluctuations in its operating results***

The Group may experience fluctuations in its operating results due to a number of factors, including changes in the values of the investments made by the Group, changes in the amount of interest paid in respect of loans in the portfolio, changes in the Group's operating expenses and the operating expenses of the Investment Manager and Sub-Manager, the degree to which the Group encounters competition and general economic and market conditions. Such variability may lead to volatility in the trading price of the Shares and cause the Group's results for a particular period not to be indicative of its performance in a future period.

***Delays in deployment of the proceeds of the Issue may have an impact on the Group's results of operations and cash flows***

Pending deployment of the net proceeds of the Issue, the Company intends to invest cash held in cash deposits, cash equivalents and fixed income instruments for cash management purposes. Interim cash management is likely to yield lower returns than the expected returns from investments. There can be no assurance as to how long it will take for the Company to invest any or all of the net proceeds of the Issue,

if at all, and the longer the period the greater the likelihood that the Group's results of operations will be materially adversely affected which will in turn impact the Net Asset Value attributable to the C Shares.

### ***Changes in laws or regulations governing the Group operations may adversely affect the Group's business***

The Group is subject to laws and regulations enacted by national and local governments. In particular, the Company is subject to and required to comply with certain regulatory requirements that are applicable to listed closed-ended investment companies. The Company must comply with the Listing Rules for premium listed equity securities and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

Some of the assets the Group invests in are new and novel which means that compliance with various aspects of regulatory regimes applicable to the Platforms and Group may be untested or insufficiently tested.

Any change in the law and regulation affecting any entity in the Group or any failure to comply with the laws and regulatory requirements applicable to it may have a material adverse effect on the ability of the Group to carry on its business and successfully pursue its investment policy and on the value of the Company and the Shares.

### ***Currency risk***

The assets of the Group are invested in Credit Assets which are denominated in US Dollars, Euros, Sterling or other currencies. Accordingly, the value of such assets may be affected favourably or unfavourably by fluctuations in currency rates. The Company may seek to mitigate currency fluctuations by hedging exposure between Sterling and any other currency in which the Group's assets may be denominated. However, there can be no assurances or guarantees that the Company will successfully hedge against such risks or that adequate hedging arrangements will be available on an economically viable basis. Hedging arrangements may result in additional costs being incurred or losses being greater than if hedging had not been used.

### ***Valuation risk***

The Group's investments are largely unquoted Credit Assets and the valuation of such investments involves the Investment Manager exercising judgement. There can be no guarantee that the basis of calculation of the value of the Group's investments used in the valuation process will reflect the actual value on realisation of those investments. The Investment Manager is entitled to receive a management fee for its services to the Company which is based, in part, on the value of the Group's investments. This creates a potential conflict of interest as the Investment Manager is involved in the valuation of the Group's investments.

### ***US Investment Company Act***

Because the Company's business involves the identification and investment in loans and securities related to loans, it is possible that the Company could be considered an "Investment Company" as defined in the US Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (Investment Company Act). Investment Companies must register with the SEC and comply with an on-going strict regime of regulations. The Company believes it qualifies for numerous exemptions from registration as an Investment Company, including a jurisdictional paradigm essentially exempting non-US entities. Although the Issue is not being made in the United States and qualifies as an offshore transaction under US securities laws, US investors may nevertheless acquire Shares on the secondary market. While the Company believes it to be unlikely, because of the character of its future assets and US activities which may attract US investors, it is possible that the SEC determines that the Company must register and operate as an Investment Company, which will be costly, time-consuming and potentially hinder the Company's investment activities and investment returns. Moreover, potential changes to the SEC's view of whole loans (which comprise the bulk of the Group's portfolio) as securities could potentially lead to greater reliance on the offshore exemption, which, as noted above, may be weakened in the future by the purchase of the Shares by US persons. This risk may be compounded because of the level of investment by the Group in the US, and because US regulators may view the peer-to-peer market with disfavour.

### ***FATCA***

US source payments to the Company may be subject to US withholding at 30 per cent. as a result of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA") provisions of the US Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act. FATCA is a US law aimed at foreign financial institutions ("FFIs") and other financial intermediaries to prevent tax evasion by US citizens and residents through use of offshore accounts. The Company will, for purposes of the FATCA rules and regulations, be treated as a FFI.

Withholding tax under FATCA would potentially apply on receipt of certain US source income (including interest and dividends) and on the receipt of gross proceeds after 31 December 2016 from the sale or other disposition of property that can produce US source interest or dividends. In addition, withholding tax under FATCA may, depending on future guidance provided by the IRS, also apply on certain non-US source payments received after 31 December 2016 from other non-US financial institutions acting in the capacity of withholding agents pursuant to FATCA. The Company expects that it will receive US source income that could (subject to the discussion below) be subject to withholding under FATCA and may receive gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of property that can produce US source interest or dividends.

The US and the UK have entered into an intergovernmental agreement regarding the implementation of FATCA in the UK (the "UK-US IGA"). Under the UK-US IGA, which has been implemented in the UK through UK regulations (the "UK FATCA Regulations"), a FFI that is resident in the UK (a "Reporting FI") will not be subject to withholding under FATCA for any US source payments it receives nor will it be required to withhold any tax under FATCA or the UK FATCA Regulations on any payments it makes (unless the Reporting FI is subject to a separate special taxation regime). In order to benefit from this treatment, the Reporting FI is required to comply with the terms of the UK FATCA Regulations including registration requirements with the IRS and requirements to identify, and report certain information on, accounts held by US persons owning, directly or indirectly, an equity or debt interest in the Company (other than equity and debt interests that are treated as regularly traded on an established securities market), and report on accounts held by certain other persons or entities to HMRC.

The Company expects that it will be treated as a Reporting FI under the UK-US IGA and the UK FATCA Regulations and that it will comply with the requirements under the UK FATCA Regulations. However, there can be no assurance that the Company will be, and continue to be, treated as a Reporting FI, or that it would in the future not be subject to withholding tax under FATCA or required to deduct withholding tax under FATCA. If the Company becomes subject to a withholding tax as a result of FATCA or any similar laws, or is required to withhold on distributions made to Shareholders, the return on investment of some or all Shareholders may be materially adversely affected.

**FATCA is particularly complex and its application is uncertain at this time. The above description is based in part on regulations, official guidance and the UK-US IGA, all of which are subject to change. All prospective investors and Shareholders should consult with their own tax advisors regarding the possible implications of FATCA on their investment in the Company.**

## **2. RISKS RELATING TO PLATFORMS**

### ***Bankruptcy of Platforms***

The Group will acquire exposure to Credit Assets through a variety of different models and structures. The Group may lend directly to a Platform's borrower members or to a Platform itself which subsequently lends to its borrower members. In addition, the Group may invest in Notes or other financial instruments issued by Platforms or SPVs established by a Platform that provide an economic exposure to the returns on certain loans. Such Notes or other financial instruments will be unsecured obligations of the Platform or SPV, as applicable. Such investments are subject to the risks of the Platform's or SPV's bankruptcy. Although the Group will actively seek Platforms that use bankruptcy-remote vehicles to issue such Notes or other financial instruments, the Group may invest in Platforms that do not employ bankruptcy-remote vehicles. To the extent that a Platform enters into voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, the Company may be materially, negatively impacted.

### ***Changes in a Platform's policies may adversely impact the Group's investments***

While the Investment Manager or the Sub-Manager will review the policies and procedures of the Platforms through which the Group invests, there can be no assurances that the Platforms will continue to adhere to such policies and procedures. The Investment Manager and the Sub-Manager will have differing levels of transparency with respect to the loans originated through or issued by various Platforms, and no assurances can be given that the Investment Manager or the Sub-Manager will become aware of changes in a Platform's policies and procedures in a timely manner or at all and any such changes to the policies and procedures may result in the Group's portfolio being materially adversely affected.

### ***Lack of Platform operating history***

The Platforms through which the Group will invest generally have a limited operating history and track record, often shorter than a full market cycle, upon which the Group, the Investment Manager and/or the Sub-Manager may base an evaluation of the Platform's operations, historical default rates and/or performance of loans or categories of underlying borrower members. No assurances can be given that the amount of data available is sufficient to assess market cycles or long term developments.

### ***Adverse developments in a Platform's business***

The performance of the loans will likely be adversely affected by adverse developments in a Platform's business, particularly in its servicing and origination businesses that affect the loans. The relevant Group entity will be reliant on the collection and enforcement efforts of the Platform or the applicable collection agencies engaged by the Platform for collection of payments on the loans. Because the loans may be originated and serviced through the Platform, they are highly dependent on the continued performance of the Platform.

### ***Standardisation of documentation***

Platforms typically write loans using standardised documentation. Thus many borrower members may be similarly situated in so far as the provisions of their respective contractual obligations are concerned. Accordingly, allegations of violations of the provisions of any consumer protection or other laws could potentially result in a large class of claimants asserting claims against a Platform. There is no assurance that such claims will not also be asserted against members of the Group.

### ***Servicing of loans***

The servicing of loans is carried out by the Platforms, by third-party servicers appointed by the Platforms or a combination of both the Platforms and third-party servicers (in such capacity, each a "Servicer").

Collections on the loans may be remitted by borrower members into accounts held by the Servicer before being remitted to a lender member. It is possible that collections on the loans due to a lender member may be commingled with funds of the Servicer or with those of other lender members on the Platform. In the event that the Servicer were to become a debtor in any bankruptcy, receivership, insolvency or similar proceedings and there were competing claims on the commingled funds by creditors, payments on the loans could be delayed or reduced.

The Servicer may have the authority to waive, modify or vary any term of a loan or consent to the postponement of strict compliance with any such term by a borrower member (each a "Loan Modification"). As a result of one or more Loan Modifications, collections on the loans may be delayed or reduced.

The Servicer may use management information systems to service and administer the loans, including management of collections and servicing and the administration and maintenance of electronic contracts. Among other risks, these systems are subject to change or interruption from: power loss, computer system failures and internet, telecommunications or data network failures; operator negligence or improper operation by, or supervision of, employees; physical and electronic loss or data or security breaches; computer viruses, cyber-attacks, intentional acts of vandalism and similar events. Any failure of the Servicer's systems due to any of these causes or other unforeseen events, if not supported by the Servicer's disaster recovery plan could cause an interruption in operations and result in payments on the loans being delayed or reduced.

Under the terms of the applicable servicing agreement, the Servicer's appointment may be terminated and a back-up servicer or other servicer will be appointed to serve as a successor servicer. It is likely that the termination of the Servicer and the transfer of rights, duties and obligations of the Servicer under the servicing agreement would (at least for a period of time) adversely affect the servicing of loans. There could be significant disruptions in collections until a successor servicer is appointed and is able to restore these capabilities which could result in payments on the loans being delayed or reduced.

The Servicer is entitled to exercise certain remedies, including the enforcement of loans. The Servicer's course of action in relation to the exercise of certain remedies could result in payments on the loans being delayed or reduced.

The Servicer may refer loans that become past due to a third party collection agency for collection or it may collect on such loans directly. If payments on a delinquent loan are received from a borrower member after

the loan has been referred to a third party collection agency, the collection agency may retain a percentage of that payment as a fee before any principal or interest is received by a lender member which will result in payments on such loan being reduced.

### **3. RISKS RELATING TO COMPLIANCE AND REGULATION OF P2P PARTICIPANTS**

#### **(a) Risks relating to compliance and regulation of P2P participants in the UK**

On 1 April 2014, the regulation of the consumer credit market transferred from the Office of Fair Trading to the FCA, including responsibility for regulating peer-to-peer lending platforms.

The Company currently holds an interim permission from the FCA for its consumer credit regulated activities. The Company will be required, between 1 August 2015 and 31 October 2015, to seek full authorisation from the FCA.

Although the Company intends to apply for full authorisation within the application period specified above, if the Company were to fail to obtain authorisation from the FCA, its future ability to invest in loans to UK consumer borrowers would be curtailed as the Company would no longer be authorised to carry on the regulated activity of entering into a regulated credit agreement as a lender.

If the Company could not invest in further UK consumer loans, this may adversely affect the overall returns to the Company from its portfolio of investments and the Company may be required to seek Shareholder approval for an amendment to its investment policy to, for example, invest a higher proportion of its assets in SME, corporate loans or trade receivables Credit Assets. However, failure to obtain FCA authorisation would not impact the Company's ability to invest in consumer loans in the US and in other jurisdictions and if there were a sufficient level of suitable consumer Credit Assets available for investment in these jurisdictions the Company would not need to seek an amendment to its investment policy.

In respect of UK consumer loans in which the Company has invested prior to requiring full FCA authorisation, the Company will have advanced funds in respect of those loans whilst holding the correct regulatory approval (being interim permission). Additional activities relating to loan servicing, such as debt administration, for which authorisation is required, are not in any event carried out by the Company but instead by the UK Platforms or their agents or other agents on behalf of lender members. The Company would, however, still be carrying on the regulated activity of exercising the rights of a lender in respect of its existing investments in UK consumer loans. The Company would face uncertainty of its treatment by the FCA in the event it failed to obtain full authorisation. The Company may be required to wind down its regulated activities if it failed to obtain full FCA authorisation and there can be no guarantee that the Company would be able to continue to hold its existing investments in UK consumer loans. The FCA may require the Company to sell its existing UK consumer loans. Any such decision of the regulator would be based on the specific circumstances of the Company at the time, including the timescale for winding-down its regulated activities and any concerns about debt collection processes. The Company may seek to sell or assign its existing UK consumer loans to a third party. However, any such sale or assignment would be subject to the Company being able to find a buyer or assignee for the loans and, at present, there is no secondary exchange operated by the UK consumer Platforms for the sale of whole consumer loans. In addition, any sale or assignment of the loans would also be subject to, and may be restricted by, the terms of the governing loan agreements. In the event of a sale or assignment of the Company's portfolio of UK consumer loans, the Company would no longer hold those investments to maturity and would not therefore receive its expected interest on those loans following sales or assignments.

The FCA has created a sourcebook called CONC which contains the detailed conduct requirements for consumer credit firms. This sets out detailed requirements on the Company in relation to its activities of lending under regulated consumer credit agreements and on the Platforms which facilitate such lending. As both the holder of an interim permission and as a fully authorised consumer credit firm that, through certain Platforms, is lending to UK consumer borrowers, the Company is subject to detailed requirements in relation to, *inter alia*, pre-contract disclosures to such borrowers and the content of loan agreements with those borrowers. Any failure to comply with such requirements may result in those agreements being unenforceable. In such circumstances, the Company may not be able to recover its investment in any such loan.

There is a regulated activity of ‘operating an electronic system in relation to lending’. The UK Platforms through which the Company invests must hold interim permission or authorisation from the FCA for this activity. The FCA has introduced application periods, giving firms with interim permission a three-month window in which they must apply to the FCA for full authorisation. If any Platform through which the Company invests were to fail to obtain full authorisation, this may result in the Platform being forced to cease its operations and may cause disruption to the servicing and administration of loans in which the Company has invested through that Platform. Any such disruption may impact the quality of debt collection procedures in relation to those loans and may result in reduced returns to the Company from those investments.

The FCA has introduced regulatory controls for Platform operators, including the application of conduct of business rules (in particular, around disclosure and promotions), minimum capital requirements, client money protection rules, dispute resolution rules and a requirement for firms to take reasonable steps to ensure existing loans continue to be administered if the firm goes out of business. The introduction of these regulations and any further new laws and regulations could have a material adverse effect on the UK Platforms’ businesses and may result in interruption of operations by the Platforms or these Platforms seeking to pass increased regulatory compliance costs to their lender members, such as the Company, through the lender fees charged to them.

The Peer-to-Peer Finance Association, the UK’s trade body for the P2P industry, is preparing to introduce a rule against allowing institutions to “cherry-pick” the most desirable loans at the expense of retail lender members. The impact of any such rule or guidance on the Company, the Platforms through which it invests or the industry as a whole is uncertain. Any curtailment of the Investment Manager’s ability to select particular loans or impose its criteria for loan selection on any Platform may have a negative effect on the returns available to the Company and returns to investors.

## **(b) Risks relating to compliance and regulation of P2P participants in the US**

### ***The loan industry in the US is highly regulated***

The loan industry in the US is highly regulated. The loans made through the US Platforms are subject to extensive and complex rules and regulations issued by various federal, state and local government authorities. These authorities also may impose obligations and restrictions on the Platforms’ activities. In particular, these rules require extensive disclosure to, and consents from, applicants and borrower members, prohibit discrimination and may impose multiple qualification and licensing obligations on Platform activities. In addition, one or more US regulatory authorities may assert that the Company, as a lender member of the US Platforms, is required to comply with certain laws or regulations which govern the consumer or commercial (as applicable) loan industry. If the Company were required to comply with additional laws or regulations, this would likely result in increased costs for the Company and may have an adverse effect on its results or operations or its ability to invest in loans through the US Platforms. The Platforms’ failure to comply with the requirements of applicable US rules and regulations may result in, among other things, the Platform (or its lender members) being required to register with governmental authorities and/or requisite licences being revoked, or loan contracts being voided, indemnification liability to contract counterparties, class action lawsuits, administrative enforcement actions and/or civil and criminal liability. Determining the applicability of and effecting compliance with such requirements is at times complicated by the Platforms’ novel and various business models. Moreover, these requirements are subject to periodic changes. Any such change necessitating new significant compliance obligations could have an adverse effect on the Platforms’ compliance costs and ability to operate. The Platforms would likely seek to pass through any increase in the Platforms’ costs to their lender members such as the Company.

There are currently no known material risks that would result in the Platforms ceasing to exist. However, if the Platforms’ ability to export the interest rates, and related terms and conditions, permitted under an applicable state’s law to borrower members in other states were determined to violate applicable lending laws, this could subject the Platforms to the interest rate restrictions, and related terms and conditions, of the lending laws of all of the US states which a Platform’s business touches in any way. The result would be a complex patchwork of regulatory restrictions that could materially and negatively impact the Platforms’ operations and potentially make them no longer able to operate, in which case they could terminate their business and all activities. This could have a material adverse effect on all lender members of the Platform because the volume of loans available to invest in would potentially be drastically reduced.

Different Platforms adhere to different business models, resulting in uncertainty as to the regulatory environment applicable to the Company. Funding Circle (US), for example, holds a California Finance Lender’s

license, and operates from California to make SME loans across the US. It complies with California's licensing requirements and usury limitations. However, other states could seek to regulate Funding Circle (US) or the Company (as lender member) on the basis that loans were made to SMEs located in such other state. In that case, loans made in that other state could be subject to the maximum interest rate limits of such jurisdiction, which could limit potential revenue for the Company. In addition, it could subject Funding Circle (US) or the Company to state licensing requirements.

Lending Club, on the other hand, follows a different model. All Lending Club loans are closed in the name of and are exclusively funded by WebBank, a Utah-chartered industrial bank organised under Title 7, Chapter 8 of the Utah Code and which has its deposits insured by the FDIC. WebBank works jointly with Lending Club to act as issuer, i.e. the true lender, of the Platform loans. Some US courts, when considering the validity of loans issued in third party lending arrangements involving banks and non-banks, only consider whether the loans issued were valid at inception. However, other US courts engage in an analysis to determine the true lender of the loans. To the extent that either Lending Club or the Company (as lender member) is deemed to be the true lender in any jurisdiction, loans made to borrowers in that jurisdiction would be subject to the maximum interest rate limits of such jurisdiction, and Lending Club and/or the Company (as lender member) could be subject to state licensing requirements. Any such requirement would likely have an adverse effect on the Sub-Manager's ability to continue to invest in loans through Lending Club and therefore affect the returns to the Company.

### ***US state licensing requirements***

The Company is not currently required to hold a licence in connection with the acquisition of loans as a lender member through the US Platforms. However, one or more states could take the position that Platform lender members are required to be licensed. Lender members becoming licensed could subject lender members to a greater level of regulatory oversight by state government as well as cause lender members to incur additional costs. If unable to obtain any required licences, lender members could be required to cease investing in loans issued to borrowers in the states in which they are not licensed.

### ***Risk of the Company being deemed the true lender***

The risk that either the Platforms, or the Company or another member of the Group (as lender member) is deemed the true lender in any jurisdiction exists with respect to loans made to both consumers and businesses. US courts have rarely analysed questions regarding true lenders in the context of business loans. Although it is expected that US courts' true lender analysis would be the same for both consumer and business loans, additional uncertainty exists as to how US courts would analyse questions regarding true lenders in a business loan context.

Although the Directors are not currently aware that any state regulators have taken the position that the Platforms are the actual providers of loans to borrower members, any action undertaken by state regulators to assert such a position could have a material adverse effect on the lending model utilised by the US P2P industry and, consequently, the ability of the Company to pursue a significant part of its investment strategy in the US.

A civil action brought against WebBank, the Bank that issues the loans for Lending Club, concluded in May 2014 in federal district court for the District of Utah. The complaint alleged, among other claims, violations of California consumer protection laws for WebBank's participation in a lending arrangement involving Bill Me Later, Inc. (which has subsequently been acquired by eBay, Inc. and renamed PayPal Credit), in which Bill Me Later, Inc. purchased the receivables and services loans issued to consumers by WebBank. The district court dismissed the case against WebBank and Bill Me Later Inc., ruling, in pertinent part, that section 27 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act expressly preempted the claims based on California law. The decision of the district court was not appealed. However, if another similar civil action were brought and a court were to rule in favour of a plaintiff's claims relating to state consumer protection laws, it could have a material adverse effect on Lending Club's ability to make loans and could consequently have a material adverse effect on the Group.

In other instances, courts have analysed the arrangement whereby loans or participations in loans are sold to non-bank vendors to determine the true lender, and accordingly, what legal principles apply to the true lender. In one 2014 case involving a California-based vendor that marketed loans originated by a bank chartered in South Dakota and then purchased the loans from the bank three days after origination, the West Virginia Supreme Court determined that the vendor was the true lender because the vendor held the

predominant economic interest in the loans originated by the bank. The vendor's sole owner and stockholder guaranteed the vendor's obligations to the bank, the vendor indemnified the bank against all losses arising out of the arrangement, the vendor dictated the loan underwriting guidelines to be followed for loans to be purchased, and for financial reporting purposes, the loans were treated as if the vendor had funded the loans. Although Lending Club's business model lacks key adverse characteristics of the vendor/bank arrangement present in the West Virginia case, the case illustrates the types of facts and circumstances that a court might use in determining whether Lending Club or its lender members may be characterised as the true lender, rather than the bank originating the loans under the program.

In May 2015, the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) entered into a consent order with PayPal Credit to settle a CFPB lawsuit charging PayPal Credit with various deceptive consumer practices. As part of the consent order, PayPal was required to pay US\$25 million in consumer reimbursements and civil penalties. Although this particular CFPB lawsuit was not directly related to PayPal Credit's general lending model, the CFPB has not endorsed PayPal Credit's lending model. Indeed, this lawsuit suggests that the CFPB is paying close attention to the standard procedures and actions of online lenders like PayPal Credit and further challenges from the CFPB against standard practices of online lenders are possible, including challenges to lending models similar to that of PayPal Credit, such as Lending Club's lending model, in which third parties (such as the Company) purchase loans originated by WebBank. Any determination that the PayPal Credit business does not properly comply with laws and regulations could have a material adverse effect on WebBank, as a participant in PayPal Credit's business.

Any determination that the practices of lenders that are similar to the practices of Lending Club violate laws and regulations could subject Lending Club to fines, penalties, declarations that some or all interest or principal owed by a borrower member is uncollectable, or other regulatory action that could have a material adverse effect on the Lending Club Platform. The Lending Club Platform could also be forced to comply with the lending laws of all US states, which may not be feasible and could result in Lending Club ceasing to operate. Any increase in cost or regulatory burden on Lending Club could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

Further, an adverse ruling in a court case holding that a non-bank intermediary in a loan transaction were the true lender could undermine the basis of Lending Club's business model and could result ultimately in Lending Club or its lender members being characterised as a lender, which as a consequence would mean that additional US consumer protection laws would be applicable to the borrower member loans originated on the Lending Club Platform, investments in which are acquired by the Group. For example, the borrower member loans could be voidable or unenforceable. In addition, Lending Club or its lender members could be subject to claims by borrower members, as well as enforcement actions by regulators. Even if Lending Club were not required to cease operation with residents of certain states or to change its business practices to comply with applicable laws and regulations, Lending Club or its lender members could be required to register or obtain, and maintain, licences or regulatory approvals in all 50 US states at substantial cost. If Lending Club were subject to fines, penalties, or other regulatory action, or ceased to operate, this could have a material adverse effect on the Group and its investments in Lending Club.

The Company may contract with other US consumer Platforms which follow the Lending Club model, which will result in the Company having the same risks relative to such other US Platforms as are described above with respect to Lending Club.

In addition to the possible initiation of proceedings by governmental authorities, borrower members could also challenge the legality of the business conducted by the Platforms or by the Company. The severity of the risks associated with this possibility depends substantially upon whether the borrower member is in a position to assert claims on a class basis.

### ***Fair Debt Collection Practices Act***

The US federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) provides guidelines and limitations on the conduct of third party debt servicers in connection with the collection of consumer debts. In order to ensure compliance with the FDCPA, the US Platforms often contract with professional third party debt collection agencies to engage in debt collection activities. The CFPB, the US federal agency now responsible for administering the FDCPA, is engaged in a comprehensive rulemaking regarding the operation of the FDCPA which likely will affect the obligations of sellers of debt to third parties, as well as change other regulatory requirements. The CFPB initiated its rulemaking in November 2013 and solicited comments until February 2014. The agency is currently developing rules and is expected to release a proposed rule some time in

2015, which would be subject to revision before future implementation. The implementation of rules by the CFPB could have an adverse effect on any US Platforms following the Lending Club model and therefore on the Company as a lender member.

### **Privacy and Data Security Laws**

The US federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) limits the disclosure of non-public personal information about a consumer to non-affiliated third parties and requires financial institutions to disclose certain privacy policies and practices with respect to its information sharing with both affiliates and non-affiliated third parties. A number of states have enacted privacy and data security laws requiring safeguards on the privacy and security of consumers' personally identifiable information. Other federal and state statutes deal with obligations to safeguard and dispose of private information in a manner designed to avoid its dissemination. Privacy rules adopted by the US Federal Trade Commission implement the GLBA and other requirements and govern the disclosure of consumer financial information by certain financial institutions, ranging from banks to private investment funds. US Platforms following the Lending Club model generally have privacy policies that conform to these GLBA and other requirements. In addition, such US Platforms have policies and procedures intended to maintain Platform participants' personal information securely and dispose of it properly. The Platforms do not, and no entity in the Group will sell or rent such information to third parties for marketing purposes. Through their participation in the Platforms, the Company and other entities in the Group obtain non-public personal information about loan applicants, as defined in GLBA, and intend to conduct themselves in compliance with such law, as if it were subject to the same limitations on disclosure and obligations of safeguarding and proper disposal of non-public personal information. In addition, the Company and/or other entities in the Group could be subject to state data security laws, depending on whether the information obtained is considered non-public personally identifiable information under those state laws. Any violations of state data security laws by the Company or other Group entity could subject it to fines, penalties, or other regulatory action on a state-by-state basis, which, individually or in the aggregate, could have a material adverse effect on the Group due to the compliance costs related to any violations as well as costs to ensure compliance with such laws on an on-going basis. Additionally, any violations of the GLBA by the Company or other Group entity could subject it to regulatory action by the US Federal Trade Commission, which could require the Company or such other Group entity to, *inter alia*, implement a comprehensive information security and reporting program and to be subject to audits on an on-going basis.

### **OFAC and Bank Secrecy Act**

In co-operation with WebBank, the US Platforms implement the various anti-money laundering and screening requirements of applicable US federal law. The Company is not able to control or monitor the compliance of WebBank or the Platforms with these regulations. Moreover, in the Company's participation with the Platforms, it is subject to compliance with OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control), the USA PATRIOT Act and Bank Secrecy Act regulations applicable to all businesses, which for the Company generally involves co-operation with US authorities in investigating any purported improprieties. Any material failure by any of WebBank, the Platforms or the Company to comply with OFAC and other similar anti-money laundering restrictions or in connection with any investigation relating thereto could result in additional fines or penalties that, depending on the violations, could amount to US\$1,000 to US\$25,000 per violation. Such fines or penalties could have a material adverse effect on the Company directly, for amounts owed for fines or penalties, or indirectly, as a negative consequence of the decreased demand for loans from the Platforms as a result of any such adverse publicity and other reputation risks associated with any such fines and penalties assessed against the Platforms or WebBank.

## **4. RISKS RELATING TO THE INVESTMENT MANAGER AND THE SUB-MANAGER**

***The Investment Manager and the Sub-Manager allocate many of their resources to activities in which the Company is not engaged, which could have a negative impact on the Company's ability to achieve its investment objective***

The Investment Manager and the Sub-Manager are not required to commit all of their resources to the Company's affairs. Insofar as the Investment Manager or the Sub-Manager devotes resources to their responsibilities to other business interests, their ability to devote resources and attention to the Company's affairs will be limited. This could adversely affect the Company's ability to achieve its investment objective, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's profitability, Net Asset Value and share price.

***The Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager and their affiliates may provide services to other clients which could compete directly or indirectly with the activities of the Company and may be subject to conflicts of interest in respect of its activities on behalf of the Company***

The Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager and their affiliates are involved in other financial, investment or professional activities which may on occasion give rise to conflicts of interest with the Company. In particular, the Sub-Manager manages funds other than the Company and may provide investment management, investment advisory or other services in relation to these funds or future funds which may have similar investment policies to that of the Company.

The Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager and their affiliates may carry on investment activities for other accounts in which the Company has no interest. The Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager and their affiliates may also provide management services to other clients, including other collective investment vehicles. The Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager and their affiliates may give advice and recommend securities to other managed accounts or investment funds which may differ from advice given to, or investments recommended or bought for, the Company, even though their investment policies may be the same or similar.

***The Company is reliant on the Investment Manager's and Sub-Manager's relationship with Platforms***

The Company is reliant on the Investment Manager's and Sub-Manager's relationships with Platforms. The Company should indirectly benefit from these relationships through the terms and the investment opportunities offered by Platforms to the Investment Manager or the Sub-Manager. Should the Investment Manager or the Sub-Manager cease to continue to be investment manager or sub-manager, as applicable, there is a risk that the Company will not be able to successfully pursue its investment objective and policy.

***Due diligence***

Prior to investing in loans through a Platform, the Investment Manager or the Sub-Manager will perform due diligence on the proposed Platform. In doing so, they will typically rely on information from the Platform as part of this due diligence. To the extent that the Investment Manager or the Sub-Manager underestimates or fails to identify risks and liabilities associated with Platforms through which the Group invests, this may impact on the profitability of any investment through the Platform.

***As a registered investment adviser, the Sub-Manager is subject to examination by the US Securities Exchange Commission***

The Sub-Manager is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The Sub-Manager is required to adhere to certain US rules and regulations applicable to such registered advisers and is subject to examination by the US Securities Exchange Commission. As an entity regulated in the US, the activities of the Sub-Manager with respect to the investments by the Group in the US may be subject to a greater or different degree of regulatory restriction than those of the Investment Manager. In addition, should the Sub-Manager be subjected to examination by US regulatory authorities, such examination may interfere with the daily operations of the Sub-Manager.

## **5. RISKS RELATING TO THE GROUP'S PORTFOLIO**

***Competition and portfolio concentration risks***

The current market in which the Group participates is competitive and rapidly changing. The Company (or its subsidiary undertakings) and/or the Investment Manager have entered into agreements with a number of Platforms, including each of Funding Circle (UK), RateSetter, Zopa, Crossflow, Upstart, Prosper and Harmony in relation to the deployment of the Company's capital. However, there can be no guarantee that the Group will be able to secure terms in relation to the deployment of its capital through any other Platforms.

The Group faces increasing competition for access to Credit Assets as the peer-to-peer lending industry continues to evolve. The Group faces competition from other institutional lenders such as fund vehicles and commercial banks that are substantially larger and have considerably greater financial, technical and marketing resources than the Company. In the US, there are a number of private funds, commercial banks and managed accounts which have already deployed capital in the P2P lending space. Other institutional sources of capital may enter the market in both the UK and US. These potential competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments, which could allow them to consider a wider variety of

investments and establish more relationships than the Investment Manager or the Sub-Manager. There can be no assurance that the competitive pressures the Company faces will not erode the Company's ability to deploy capital and thus impact the financial condition and results of the Group.

In the event that the number of Platforms through which the Group invests were to be limited in number, whether due to termination of existing agreements or failure to secure terms with other Platforms, the Group may be subject to certain risks associated with the concentration of its portfolio. A smaller universe of Platforms through which to acquire Credit Assets increases the risks associated with those Platforms changing their arrangements with respect to, *inter alia*, their underwriting and credit models, borrower acquisition channels and quality of debt collection procedures in such a way as to make them unsuitable for investment by the Group. In any event, material portfolio concentration risks related to asset class, geography or risk tolerances will be mitigated through diversification of investments in accordance with the Company's stated investment policy.

### ***Lack of suitable inventory***

The Company, through the Investment Manager and the Sub-Manager, intends to continue to build relationships with and enter into agreements with additional Platforms. However, if there are not sufficient qualified loan requests through any Platform, the Company may be unable to deploy its capital in a timely or efficient manner. In such event, the Company may be forced to invest in cash, cash equivalents, or other assets that fall within its investment policy that are generally expected to offer lower returns than the Company's target returns from investments in Credit Assets.

There can be no guarantee that the rapid origination growth experienced by certain Platforms in recent periods will continue. Without sufficient number of new qualified loan requests, there can be no assurances that the Group will be able to compete effectively for loans with other market participants.

### **(a) The following risks are specific to the Group's investments in loans:**

#### ***Risk of borrower default***

Although the Group may acquire exposure to loans through a variety of different models and structures, and may invest in Notes or other financial instruments issued by Platforms or SPVs established by a Platform that provide an economic exposure to the returns on certain loans, the ability of the Group to earn revenue is completely dependent upon payments being made by the borrower of the loan acquired by the Group through a Platform or by borrower members of a Platform to which the Company has provided a credit facility. The Company, relevant member of its Group or any SPV or other fund which acts as lender of record (i.e. the lender member) will receive payments under any loans it acquires through a Platform only if the corresponding borrower through that Platform (i.e. the borrower member) makes payments on the loan. In the case of borrower members of a Platform to which the Group has provided a debt facility, any default in repayment of any loans by such borrower members will affect the ability of the Platform to repay the Group any amounts lent to it.

Consumer loans are unsecured obligations of borrower members. They are not secured by any collateral, not guaranteed or insured by any third party and not backed by any governmental authority in any way. The Platforms and their designated third party collection agencies may be limited in their ability to collect on loans. In some instances, the Group may have to rely on the collection efforts of the Platforms and their designated collection agencies and will have no direct recourse against borrower members, will not be able to obtain the identity of the borrower members in order to contact a borrower member about a loan and otherwise will have no ability to pursue borrower members to collect payment under loans. In addition, in the case of five year loans on US consumer Platforms, after the final maturity date, the Platform may have no obligation to make any late payments to their lender members.

The Platform may retain from the funds received from the relevant borrower member and otherwise available for payment to the Group any insufficient payment fees and the amounts of any attorney's fees or collection fees it, a third party service provider or collection agency imposes in connection with such collection efforts.

The return on the Group's portfolio of loans depends on borrower members fulfilling their payment obligations in a timely and complete manner. Borrower members may not view the lending obligations facilitated through a Platform as having the same significance as other credit obligations arising under more traditional circumstances, such as loans from banks. If a borrower member neglects its payment obligations on a loan or chooses not to repay its loan entirely, the Group may not be able to recover any portion of its outstanding

principal and interest under such loan.

All loans are credit obligations of individual borrower members and the terms of the borrower members' loans may not restrict the borrower members from incurring additional debt. If a borrower member incurs additional debt after obtaining a loan through a Platform, that additional debt may adversely affect the borrower member's creditworthiness generally, and could result in the financial distress, insolvency or bankruptcy of the borrower member. This circumstance could ultimately impair the ability of that borrower member to make payments on its loan and the Group's ability to receive the principal and interest payments that it expects to receive on those loans. To the extent borrower members incur other indebtedness that is secured, such as a mortgage, the ability of the secured creditors to exercise remedies against the assets of that borrower member may impair the borrower member's ability to repay its loan or it may impair the Platform's ability to collect on the loan if it goes unpaid. Since consumer loans are unsecured, borrower members may choose to repay obligations under other indebtedness before repaying loans facilitated through a Platform because the borrower members have no collateral at risk. The Group will not be made aware of any additional debt incurred by a borrower member, or whether such debt is secured.

Where a borrower member is an individual, if such a borrower member with outstanding obligations under a loan dies while the loan is outstanding, the borrower member's estate may not contain sufficient assets to repay the loan or the executor of the borrower member's estate may prioritise repayment of other creditors. Numerous other events could impact a borrower member's ability or willingness to repay a loan acquired by the Group, including divorce or sudden significant expenses, such as uninsured healthcare costs.

Identity fraud may occur and adversely affect the Group's ability to receive the principal and interest payments that it expects to receive on loans. A Platform may have the exclusive right and ability to investigate claims of identity theft and this creates a conflict of interest between the relevant Group entity and such Platform. If a Platform determines that verifiable identity theft has occurred, that Platform may be required to repurchase the loan or indemnify the relevant Group entity and in the alternative, if the Platform denies a claim under any identity theft guarantee, the Platform would be saved from its repurchase or indemnification obligations. Even in the event that a Platform determines that verifiable identity theft has occurred and if it is required to repurchase the loan or indemnify the relevant Group entity, there can be no assurance that the Platform will have adequate resources to make such repurchase or indemnification.

There is a possibility of material misrepresentation or omission on the part of a borrower member or a Platform when a borrower member enters into a loan, including, but not limited to, misrepresentation by a borrower member in respect of their intentions for the use of loan proceeds. Such inaccuracy or incompleteness may adversely affect the valuation of the Group's investments. The Investment Manager and the Sub-Manager will rely upon the accuracy and completeness of the representations made by a borrower member or a Platform to the extent that the Investment Manager or Sub-Manager, as applicable, believes to be reasonable, but there can be no guarantee of such accuracy or completeness. In the event of a breach of certain representations and warranties, the Platform may be required to repurchase a loan or indemnify a member of the Group. However, there can be no assurance that the Platform will have adequate resources to make such repurchase or indemnification. Under certain circumstances, payments to the Group may be reclaimed if any such payment or distribution is later determined to have been a fraudulent conveyance or a preferential payment.

If a borrower member files for bankruptcy in any of the jurisdictions in which the Group may invest, a stay may go into effect that will automatically put any pending collection actions on hold and prevent further collection action absent court approval. It is possible that the borrower member's personal liability on its member loan will be discharged in bankruptcy. In most cases involving the bankruptcy of a borrower member with an unsecured loan, unsecured creditors, including the relevant Group entity, will receive only a fraction of any amount outstanding on their loans, if anything.

The Group will not be protected from any losses it may incur from its investments in any loans resulting from borrower member default by any insurance-type product operated by any of the Platforms through which it may invest.

### ***Inadequacy of collateral***

In relation to any loans which are secured by specific collateral, there can be no assurance that the liquidation of any such collateral would satisfy a borrower's obligation in the event of non-payment of principal payments or scheduled interest in respect of the loan. In addition, in the event of bankruptcy or insolvency of a borrower

member, the Group could experience delays or limitations with respect to its ability to realise the benefits of the collateral. Moreover, the Group's security interests may be unperfected for a variety of reasons, including the failure to make required filings and, as a result, the Group may not have priority over other creditors as anticipated.

***Loan default rates may be affected by a number of factors outside the Group's control and actual default rates may vary significantly from historical observations***

Loan default rates may be significantly affected by economic downturns or general economic or political conditions beyond the Company's control. In particular, default rates on loans may increase due to factors such as the general interest rate environment, unemployment rates, residential home values, the level of consumer confidence, the value of the US Dollar, Euro or Sterling, energy prices, changes in consumer spending, the number of personal bankruptcies, insolvencies, disruptions to the credit markets and other factors. The significant downturn in the global economy over the past several years has caused default rates on loans to increase, and a continuation of the downturn may result in continued high or increased loan default rates.

The default history for Credit Assets originated via Platforms is limited and actual defaults may be greater than indicated by historical data and the timing of defaults may vary significantly from historical observations.

***Contractual rights***

The contractual rights of the Company or the relevant Group company in relation to the interests in loans that it acquires will depend on the way in which the Company or the relevant Group company acquires the loans and may vary considerably. Where the Company or a member of its Group is a direct lender on a Platform, it will have a direct contractual relationship with a borrower member on the Platform (subject to any servicing or other agreements retained by the Platform). Subject to the representations, warranties and covenants the Company or the relevant Group company is able to negotiate with a Platform, the acquisition of a Note or other financial instrument that provides an economic exposure to the whole or part of a loan may only provide for a contractual relationship with the Platform (or issuer of the Note or other financial instrument) rather than the borrower member which may impair the Company's or the relevant Group company's ability to enforce the terms of the loan that is referenced by that Note or financial instrument.

The Group will invest in loans in a number of jurisdictions, including the United States, and such investments are or may be subject to different laws and regulation dependent on the jurisdiction in which the borrower under, or issuer of, the loan or Note or other financial instrument, is incorporated. In order to invest in such loan, the Company or relevant Group company may be required to adopt particular contractual arrangements and structures in order to satisfy the legal and regulatory requirements of a particular jurisdiction. This may affect the contractual rights acquired by the Company or relevant member of its group.

The Company, the Investment Manager or its affiliates may from time to time enter into agreements or arrangements with certain Platforms that contain commitments to acquire a certain volume of loans through that Platform, subject to certain conditions, including, but not limited to, eligibility criteria and performance triggers. Such agreements or arrangements may result in the Company acquiring a higher than optimal volume of loans from a particular Platform in order to maintain the relationships and arrangements with such Platforms.

***Jurisdiction-specific insolvency regimes***

The value of the loans acquired by the Group may be impacted by creditor protection laws in the jurisdictions of incorporation of the borrower members and, if different, the jurisdictions from which the borrower members conduct their business and in which they hold their assets, which may adversely affect such borrower members' abilities to make payment on a full or timely basis.

In particular, it should be noted that a number of jurisdictions operate "debtor-friendly" insolvency regimes which could result in delays in payments where obligations, debtors or assets thereunder are subject to such regimes. The different insolvency regimes applicable in different European jurisdictions result in a corresponding variability of recovery rates for debt obligations entered into or issued in such jurisdictions.

In the United States, bankruptcy judges have a broad discretion as to how they deal with the claims of different creditors, and the claims of secured creditors may not, despite their legal entitlement, always be respected as a matter of policy. For example, political or social factors may be taken into account in larger

or high profile bankruptcies which may adversely affect the ability of the Group to effectively enforce its rights as a secured creditor.

Jurisdiction-specific insolvency regimes may negatively impact a borrower member's ability to make payments to the Group or Platform, as applicable, or the Group's or Platform's recovery in a restructuring or insolvency, which may adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

### ***Service Members Civil Relief Act***

US Federal law provides borrower members on active military service with rights that may delay or impair a Platform's ability to collect on a borrower member loan. The Service Members Civil Relief Act ("SCRA") requires that the interest rate on pre-existing debts, such as member loans, be set at no more than 6 per cent. while the qualified service member or reservist is on active duty. A holder of a Note that is dependent on such a member loan, as a Group entity may be, will not receive the difference between 6 per cent. and the original stated interest rate for the member loan during any such period. This law also permits courts to stay proceedings and execution of judgments against service members and reservists on active duty, which may delay recovery on any member loans in default and, accordingly, payments on the Notes that are dependent on these member loans. If there are any amounts under such a member loan still due and owing to the Platform after the final maturity of the Notes that correspond to the member loan, the Platform will have no further obligation to make payments on the Notes to the relevant Group entity, even if the Platform later receives payments after the final maturity of the Notes.

Platforms do not take military service into account in assigning loan grades to borrower member loan requests. In addition, as part of the borrower member registration process, Platforms do not request their borrower members to confirm if they are a qualified service member or reservists within the meaning of the SCRA. The SCRA is specific to the United States and therefore does not pose a risk for other jurisdictions in which the Group may invest.

### ***Prepayment risk***

Borrower members may decide to prepay all or a portion of the remaining principal amount due under a loan at any time without penalty. The yield to the Company will be sensitive to the rate and timing of principal payments. In the event of a prepayment of the entire remaining unpaid principal amount of a borrower member loan acquired by a Group entity, the relevant Group entity will receive such prepayment but further interest will not accrue on such loan after the date of the prepayment. If the borrower member prepays a portion of the remaining unpaid principal balance interest will cease to accrue on the prepaid portion, and the relevant Group entity will not receive all of the interest payments that it expected to receive.

### ***Limited secondary market and liquidity***

Peer-to-peer loans generally have a maturity between 1 to 5 years. Investors acquiring P2P loans directly through Platforms and hoping to recoup their entire principal must generally hold their loans through maturity. In the US, a rudimentary secondary exchange is currently in place for fractional consumer loans through Foliofn, but this system is at present inefficient. In the UK, Funding Circle (UK) operates a secondary exchange for the sale of partial interests in SME loans but there can be no guarantee that the Group will be able to readily access liquidity on demand. There is also currently no formal secondary market operated by any of the Platforms through which the Group invests in relation to the sale of whole loans. Trade receivables and trade finance loans typically have short durations of 30 to 180 days and the Group intends to purchase these assets to hold to maturity. There is currently very limited liquidity in the secondary trading of these investments. Peer-to-peer loans are not at present listed on any national or international securities exchange. Until an active secondary market develops, the Group will primarily adhere to a "lend and hold" strategy and will not necessarily be able to access significant liquidity. In the event of adverse economic conditions in which it would be preferable for the Group to sell certain of its Credit Assets, the Group may not be able to sell a sufficient proportion of its portfolio as a result of liquidity constraints. In such circumstances, the overall returns to the Group from its investments may be adversely affected.

### ***Risks associated with the Platforms', the Investment Manager's and the Sub-Manager's credit scoring models***

A prospective borrower is assigned a loan grade by a Platform based on a number of factors, including the borrower member's credit score and credit history. Credit scores are produced by third-party credit reporting agencies based on a borrower member's credit profile, including credit balances, available credit, timeliness

of payments, average payments, delinquencies and account duration. This data is furnished to the credit reporting agencies by the creditors. A credit score or loan grade assigned to a borrower member by a Platform may not reflect that borrower member's actual creditworthiness because the credit score may be based on outdated, incomplete or inaccurate reporting data. The Platforms seek to verify the majority, but not all, of the information obtained from most of their borrower members. The Group invests in loans across a range of risk-return profiles. Loans made to borrower members who have been assigned a lower loan grade by a Platform are likely to have a higher interest rate, but may also have a higher risk of default.

Additionally, it is possible that, following the date of any credit information received, a borrower member may have defaulted on a pre-existing debt obligation, taken on additional debt or sustained other adverse financial or life events.

Each of the Investment Manager and the Sub-Manager is reliant on the borrower member credit information provided to it by the Platforms which may be out of date or inaccurate. In addition, for consumer loans, neither the Investment Manager nor the Sub-Manager has access to consolidated financial statements or other financial information about the borrower members and the information supplied by borrower members may be inaccurate or intentionally false. Unlike traditional lending, neither the Investment Manager nor the Sub-Manager is able to perform any independent follow-up verification with respect to a borrower member, as the borrower member's name, address and other contact details remain confidential.

Because of these factors, the Investment Manager and the Sub-Manager may make investment decisions based on outdated, inaccurate or incomplete information.

**(b) The following risks are specific to the Group's proposed investments in corporate trade receivables:**

The Group may invest in trade receivables originated by Platforms and will therefore be subject to the Platforms' ability to sufficiently source deals that fall within the Investment Manager's and the Sub-Manager's investment and risk parameters. Limited origination of suitable trade receivables through the Platforms could have a negative impact on the Company's ability to deploy its capital and therefore impact the Group's expected returns.

The Group will be subject to the Platforms' ability to monitor and curtail factoring fraud which typically stems from the falsification of invoice documents. False invoices can easily be created online to look like they have been issued by legitimate debtors or are otherwise created by legitimate debtors at inflated values. The Group's investment in trade receivables through Platforms will therefore be reliant on the Platforms' ability to carry out appropriate due diligence on all parties involved such that no losses occur due to fraudulent activity.

The Group, the Investment Manager and the Sub-Manager will to some extent be reliant on the internal credit ratings by the Platform but may seek to carry out independent credit checks, where available, in relation to either the creditor or debtor. In the event of insolvency of any debtor where invoices have been purchased by the Group, the relevant Group entity may only rank as unsecured creditor. Where invoices have been advanced, in the case of insolvency by the creditor, the debtor is made aware that the invoice has been advanced and is obliged to make payment to the relevant Group entity. However, the relevant Group entity will be subject to the risk of payment being delayed or not made.

Platforms that lend to corporations conduct due diligence but do not always conduct on-site visits to verify that the business exists and is in good standing. For this reason, the risk of fraud may be greater with corporate trade receivables.

The Platforms seek to validate that the debtor has received the goods or services and is willing to pay the creditor before making the receivables available for investment. There can however be no assurance that the debtor will not subsequently dispute the quality or price of the goods or services and elect to withhold payments. Fraud, delays or write-offs associated with such disputes could directly impact the earnings of the Group on its investments in trade receivables.

**(c) The following risks are specific to the Group's investments in the equity of Platforms:**

These investments are expected to be in entities which are smaller companies. Smaller companies, in comparison to larger companies, often have a more restricted depth of management and higher risk profiles. Investors should not expect that the Company will necessarily be able to realise, within a period which they

would otherwise regard as reasonable, its investments in such companies and any such realisations that may be achieved may be at considerably lower yields than expected.

The Company may invest in the listed or unlisted equity of any Platforms. Investments in unlisted equity, by their nature, involve a higher degree of valuation and performance uncertainties and liquidity risks than investments in listed securities and therefore may be more difficult to realise.

In comparison with listed and quoted investments, unlisted companies are subject to further particular risks, including that they:

- may have shorter operating histories and smaller market shares, rendering them more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as general economic downturns;
- often operate at a financial loss;
- are more likely to depend on the management talents and efforts of a founder or small group of persons and, if any such persons were to cease to be involved in the management or support of such companies, this could have a material adverse impact on their business and prospects and the investment in them made by the Company; and
- generally have less predictable operating results and may require significant additional capital to support their operations, expansion or competitive position.

Investments which are unlisted at the time of acquisition may remain unlisted and may therefore be difficult to value and/or realise.

**(d) The following risks are specific to the Group's investments in the Eaglewood Funds:**

The Eaglewood Income Fund invests in consumer loans and the Eaglewood Small Business Fund invests in SME loans. Accordingly, the investment in these funds is subject to the same risks which apply to the Group's direct investments in loans, set out above under the heading "*The following risks are specific to the Group's investments in loans*". In addition, the Group's investments in the Eaglewood Income Fund and the Eaglewood Small Business Fund are subject to the following risks:

The Group's investments in the Eaglewood Funds are relatively illiquid investments because the limited partnership interests in the Eaglewood Funds are not generally transferable and the withdrawal rights of investors are restricted. In the event that the returns to the Group as an investor in the Eaglewood Funds are below those expected from such investments, the Group may be unable to transfer or withdraw its interest in the Eaglewood Funds which may in turn affect the overall returns to the Company, its ability to pay dividends and lead to volatility in the market price of the Shares.

The Sub-Manager utilises leverage in investing the Eaglewood Funds' assets, including by borrowing funds and pledging the Eaglewood Funds' assets as collateral. The Eaglewood Income Fund is authorised to employ leverage up to 4.0 times its net asset value. The Eaglewood Small Business Fund may employ leverage against its assets as a means of enhancing returns, although its maximum leverage ratio may not exceed 1.5 times its net asset value without the prior written approval of its advisory board. While the use of leverage increases returns if a fund earns a greater return on the incremental investments purchased with leverage than it pays for such leverage, the use of leverage decreases returns if the fund fails to earn as much on such incremental investments as it pays for such funds. The effect of leverage may therefore result in a greater decrease in the net asset value of the fund than if the fund were not so leveraged. The Group, as an investor in these funds, is exposed to these risks associated with leverage. In addition, the Sub-Manager has elected to securitise the loans in the Eaglewood Income Fund's portfolio and may elect to securitise the loans in the Eaglewood Small Business Fund's portfolio, which may reduce the overall expected return obtained by investments in assets that are securitised versus those held to maturity.

An Eaglewood Fund might be considered to be engaged in a trade or business in the United States and, if so, a non-US investor, such as the Group, would be subject to federal income tax in the United States with respect to its share of the fund's income from such trade or business. In these circumstances, the Eaglewood Fund would be required to withhold and remit certain amounts to the US Internal Revenue Service and other tax authorities. Such action could have a material adverse effect on the Group's return from its investment in the Eaglewood Funds.

The Eaglewood Income Fund's success or failure is highly dependent on the success or failure of Lending Club. In the event Lending Club were not able to conduct its business successfully (including, without limitation, with respect to attracting borrower members, servicing member loans and remaining adequately capitalised) or if Lending Club were to experience a material adverse effect or a complete failure of its business, it would materially and adversely affect the performance of the Eaglewood Income Fund and its returns for investors, such as the Group. The success or failure of Eaglewood Income Fund is also dependent on the continuation of the arrangements which it has in place for the purchase of consumer loans from Lending Club.

For both tax and regulatory purposes, it is critical that the Eaglewood Income Fund be considered independent of Lending Club. The Sub-Manager and the general partner of Eaglewood Income Fund have taken steps to attempt to preserve the fund's independence as an arms-length entity separate and distinct from Lending Club, which independence is critical from both a tax and regulatory perspective. There is no guarantee, however, that the US Internal Revenue Service or other applicable taxing and/or regulatory authority will respect the fund's independence from Lending Club. If a taxing authority were to claim that the fund is not separate and independent from Lending Club, the fund and/or investors, including the Group, could be subjected to increased tax liability, which could impair the performance of the fund and negatively affect the value of the Group's limited partnership interests. Additionally, if a regulatory authority were to challenge the fund's independence from Lending Club, the fund could be subjected to substantial regulatory and licensing requirements, which could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition and performance of the fund and on the Sub-Manager's ability to implement its investment strategy and on its ability to generate returns for investors such as the Group.

The Eaglewood Small Business Fund's success or failure is highly dependent on the success or failure of the sources of commercial loans. In the event any such sources were not able to conduct its business successfully (including, without limitation, with respect to attracting loans for purchasers and borrowers, servicing commercial loans and remaining adequately capitalised) or if any such source were to experience a material adverse effect or a complete failure of its business, it could materially and adversely affect the performance of the fund due to the inability to generate returns for its investors, including the Group.

**(e) The following risks are specific to the Group's investments in other fund vehicles:**

The Group may invest in Credit Assets indirectly via other investment funds, including those managed by the Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager or their affiliates. As a participant in any such vehicle, the Group will bear, along with other participants, a share of the fees and expenses of that vehicle. These expenses and fees may be in addition to the fees and expenses which the Group bears directly in connection with its own operations. The existence of such additional fees and expenses may result in reduced returns to investors.

Any fund vehicles in which the Group invests may employ leverage. Accordingly, the Group will be subject to the risks associated with leverage in connection with such investments. Whilst leverage should enhance returns where the value of a fund's underlying assets is rising, it will have the opposite effect and enhance losses where the value of the underlying assets is falling.

The Group invests in other fund vehicles in which rights of transfer or redemption of its interests in these vehicles may be limited. The Group may therefore be prohibited from selling or redeeming its interest in any such fund vehicle at a particular time (or at all) in order to maximise its return on its investment or to minimise any losses associated with such investment. The Group will, to the extent that it invests in any investment funds that are not managed by the Investment Manager, Sub-Manager or their affiliates, be reliant on third party asset managers for the performance of those investments.

## **6. RISKS RELATING TO CUSTODY**

Any financial instruments of the Company that are required to be held in custody pursuant to the AIFM Directive shall be held in custody with the Depositary and/or its sub-custodians. Cash and matured fiduciary deposits may not be treated as segregated assets and might therefore not be segregated from the Depositary's or sub-custodian's own assets in the event of the insolvency or the opening of bankruptcy, moratorium, liquidation or reorganisation proceedings of the Depositary or its sub-custodian (as the case may be). In such circumstances, the Company may suffer an irrecoverable loss in respect of such assets which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial performance.

## 7. RISKS RELATING TO TAXATION

### ***Investment trust status***

It is the intention of the Directors to conduct the affairs of the Company so as to satisfy the conditions for approval by HMRC as an investment trust under section 1158 Corporation Tax Act 2010. Any change in the Company's tax status or in taxation legislation generally could affect the value of the investments held by the Company, affect the Company's ability to provide returns to Shareholders, lead the Company to lose its exemption from UK corporation tax on chargeable gains or alter the post-tax returns to Shareholders. It is not possible to guarantee that the Company will remain a non-close company, which is a requirement to maintain status as an investment trust, as the Shares are freely transferable. The Company, in the unlikely event that it becomes aware that it is a close company, or otherwise fails to meet the criteria for maintaining investment trust status, will, as soon as reasonably practicable, notify Shareholders of this fact.

### ***Overseas taxation***

The Group may be subject to taxation under the tax rules of the jurisdictions in which it invests, including by way of withholding of tax from interest and other receipts. Although the Group will endeavour to minimise any such taxes this may affect the level of returns to Shareholders.

### ***Changes in taxation legislation or practice may adversely affect the Group and the tax treatment for Shareholders investing in the Company.***

Changes in tax legislation or practice, whether in the United Kingdom or in jurisdictions in which the Group invests, could affect the value of the investments held by the Group, affect the Company's ability to provide returns to Shareholders, and affect the tax treatment for Shareholders of their investments in the Company (including rates of tax and availability of reliefs).

## 8. RISKS RELATING TO THE SHARES

### ***General risks affecting the Ordinary Shares and C Shares***

The value of an investment in the Company, and the income derived from it, if any, may go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount invested.

The market price of the Ordinary Shares and C Shares may fluctuate independently of their underlying net asset value and may trade at a discount or premium at different times, depending on factors such as supply and demand for the Ordinary Shares and C Shares, market conditions and general investor sentiment. There can be no guarantee that any discount control policy will be successful or capable of being implemented.

### ***It may be difficult for Shareholders to realise their investment and there may not be a liquid market in the Shares***

The price at which the Ordinary Shares and C Shares will be traded and the price at which investors may realise their investment will be influenced by a large number of factors, some specific to the Company and its investments and some which may affect companies generally. Admission should not be taken as implying that there will be a liquid market for the Ordinary Shares or the C Shares.

While the Directors retain the right to effect repurchases of Ordinary Shares in the manner described in this document, they are under no obligation to use such powers or to do so at any time and Shareholders should not place any reliance on the willingness of the Directors so to act. Shareholders wishing to realise their investment in the Company may therefore be required to dispose of their Ordinary Shares in the market. There can be no guarantee that a liquid market in the Ordinary Shares will develop or that the Ordinary Shares will trade at prices close to their underlying Net Asset Value. Accordingly, Shareholders may be unable to realise some or all of their investment at such Net Asset Value.

### ***The Shares are subject to certain provisions that may cause the Board to refuse to register, or require the transfer of, Shares***

Although the Shares are freely transferable, there are certain circumstances in which the Board may, under the Articles and subject to certain conditions, compulsorily require the transfer of or redeem the Shares. These circumstances include where a transfer of Shares would cause, or is likely to cause: (i) the assets of the Company to be considered "plan assets" of any Benefit Plan Investor; (ii) the Company to be required to register under the US Investment Company Act, or members of the senior management of the Company to be required to register as "investment advisers" under the Investment Advisers Act; (iii) the Company to

be required to register under the US Exchange Act or any similar legislation, amongst others; or (iv) the Company to be unable to comply with its obligations under FATCA.

## **9. RISKS RELATING TO THE ISSUE**

### ***Dilution risk***

Pursuant to Conversion, the C Shares issued pursuant to the Issue will convert into Ordinary Shares. The number of Ordinary Shares into which each C Share converts will be determined by the relative NAV per C Share and NAV per Ordinary Share at the Conversion Date. As a result of Conversion, the percentage of the total number of issued Ordinary Shares held by each existing holder of Ordinary Shares will be reduced to the extent that Shareholders do not acquire a sufficient number of C Shares.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Forward-looking statements

This document contains forward-looking statements including, without limitation, statements containing the words “believes”, “estimates”, “anticipates”, “expects”, “intends”, “may”, “will”, or “should” or, in each case, their negative or other variation or similar expressions. Such forward-looking statements involve unknown risk, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, financial condition, performance or achievement of the Company, or industry results, to be materially different from future results, financial condition, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

Given these uncertainties, prospective investors are cautioned not to place any undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as at the date of this document. Subject to its legal and regulatory obligations, the Company expressly disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement contained herein to reflect changes in expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions, or circumstances on which any statement is based, unless required to do so by law or any appropriate regulatory authority, including FSMA, the Listing Rules, the Prospectus Rules and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

Nothing in the preceding two paragraphs should be taken as limiting the working capital statement in paragraph 10 of Part VII of this document.

### General

This document should be read in its entirety before making any application for C Shares. Prospective Shareholders should rely only on the information contained in this document. No person has been authorised to give any information or make any representations other than as contained in this document and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied on as having been authorised by the Company, the Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager, Administrator, Depositary, Loan Administrator, Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove or any of their respective affiliates, officers, directors, employees or agents. Without prejudice to the Company's obligations under the Prospectus Rules, the Listing Rules and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules neither the delivery of this document nor any subscription made under this document shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Company since the date of this document or that the information contained herein is correct as at any time subsequent to its date.

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In connection with the Issue, each of Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove and any of their affiliates acting as an investor for their own account(s) may subscribe for the C Shares and, in that capacity, may retain, purchase, sell, offer to sell or otherwise deal for its or their own account(s) in such securities of the Company, any other securities of the Company or related investments in connection with the Issue or otherwise. Accordingly, references in this document to the C Shares being issued, offered, subscribed or otherwise dealt with, should be read as including any issue or offer to, or subscription or dealing by, Liberum or J.P. Morgan or any of their affiliates acting as an investor for its or their own account(s). Neither Liberum nor J.P. Morgan Cazenove intends to disclose the extent of any such investment or transactions otherwise than in accordance with any legal or regulatory obligation to do so.

All Shareholders are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by, and are deemed to have notice of, the provisions of the Memorandum of Association and the Articles which investors should review. A summary of the Articles is contained in paragraph 3 of Part VII of this document under the section headed “Articles of Association”.

Under the Intermediaries Offer, the C Shares are being offered to Intermediaries who will facilitate the participation of their retail investor clients located in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. The Company consents to the use of this Prospectus by financial intermediaries in connection with any subsequent resale or final placement of securities by financial intermediaries in the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man on the following terms: (i) in respect of the Intermediaries who have been appointed by the Company prior to the date of this Prospectus, as listed in paragraph 14 of Part VII of this Prospectus, from the date of this Prospectus; and (ii) in respect of Intermediaries who are appointed by the Company after the date of this Prospectus, a list of which appears on the Company's website, from the date on which they are appointed to participate in connection with any subsequent resale or final placement of securities and, in each case, until the closing of the period for the subsequent resale or final placement of securities by financial intermediaries at 5.00 p.m. on 23 July 2015, unless closed prior to that date.

The offer period within which any subsequent resale or final placement of securities by financial intermediaries can be made and for which consent to use this Prospectus is given commences on 30 June 2015 and closes at 5.00 p.m. on 23 July 2015, unless closed prior to that date (any such prior closure to be announced via a Regulatory Information Service).

**Information on the terms and conditions of any subsequent resale or final placement of securities by any financial intermediary is to be provided at the time of the offer by the financial intermediary.**

The Company consents to the use of this Prospectus and accepts responsibility for the content of this Prospectus also with respect to subsequent resale or final placement of securities by any financial intermediary given consent to use this Prospectus.

Any new information with respect to financial intermediaries unknown at the time of approval of this Prospectus will be available on the Company's website.

**Data protection**

The information that a prospective investor in the Company provides in documents in relation to a subscription for C Shares or subsequently by whatever means which relates to the prospective investor (if it is an individual) or a third party individual ("personal data") will be held and processed by the Company (and any third party in the United Kingdom to whom it may delegate certain administrative functions in relation to the Company) in compliance with the relevant data protection legislation and regulatory requirements of the United Kingdom. Each prospective investor acknowledges and consents that such information will be held and processed by the Company (or any third party, functionary, or agent appointed by the Company) for the following purposes:

- verifying the identity of the prospective investor to comply with statutory and regulatory requirements in relation to anti-money laundering procedures;
- contacting the prospective investor with information about other products and services provided by the Investment Manager, or its affiliates, which may be of interest to the prospective investor;
- carrying out the business of the Company and the administering of interests in the Company;
- meeting the legal, regulatory, reporting and/or financial obligations of the Company in the UK or elsewhere; and
- disclosing personal data to other functionaries of, or advisers to, the Company to operate and/or administer the Company.

Each prospective investor acknowledges and consents that where appropriate it may be necessary for the Company (or any third party, functionary, or agent appointed by the Company) to:

- disclose personal data to third party service providers, affiliates, agents or functionaries appointed by the Company or its agents to provide services to prospective investors; and
- transfer personal data outside of EEA States to countries or territories which do not offer the same level of protection for the rights and freedoms of prospective investors in the United Kingdom (as applicable).

If the Company (or any third party, functionary or agent appointed by the Company) discloses personal data to such a third party, agent or functionary and/or makes such a transfer of personal data it will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any third party, agent or functionary to whom the relevant personal data is disclosed or transferred is contractually bound to provide an adequate level of protection in respect of such personal data.

Prospective investors are responsible for informing any third party individual to whom the personal data relates to the disclosure and use of such data in accordance with these provisions.

### **Regulatory Information**

The contents of this document are not to be construed as advice relating to legal, financial, taxation, accounting, regulatory, investment decisions or any other matter. Prospective investors must inform themselves as to:

- the legal requirements within their own countries for the purchase, holding, transfer, redemption or other disposal of the C Shares;
- any foreign exchange restrictions applicable to the purchase, holding, transfer, redemption or other disposal of the C Shares which they might encounter; and
- the income and other tax consequences which may apply to them as a result of the purchase, holding, transfer, redemption or other disposal of the C Shares.

Prospective investors must rely upon their own representatives, including their own legal advisers and accountants, as to legal, taxation, accounting, regulatory, investment or any other related matters concerning the Company and an investment therein.

The distribution of this document in jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom may be restricted by law and persons into whose possession this document comes should inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions. The C Shares may not be offered, sold, pledged or otherwise transferred to (i) any US Person or a person acting for the account of a US Person or (ii) a Benefit Plan Investor.

This document does not constitute, and may not be used for the purposes of, an offer or an invitation to subscribe for any C Shares by any person in any jurisdiction: (i) in which such offer or invitation is not authorised; or (ii) in which the person making such offer or invitation is not qualified to do so; or (iii) to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or invitation.

Statements made in this document are based on the law and practice currently in force in England and Wales and are subject to changes therein.

### **Notice to prospective investors in the European Economic Area**

The C Shares have not been, and will not be, registered under the securities laws, or with any securities regulatory authority of, any member state of the EEA other than the United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Norway, Belgium, The Netherlands and Sweden and subject to certain exceptions, the C Shares may not, directly or indirectly, be offered, sold, taken up or delivered in or into any member state of the EEA other than the United Kingdom, or by professional investors in Luxembourg, Norway, Belgium, The Netherlands and Sweden. The distribution of this document in other jurisdictions may be restricted by law and therefore persons into whose possession this document comes should inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions.

### **Notice to prospective investors in Australia**

No financial product advice is provided in the documentation related to this Placing and nothing in the documentation should be taken to constitute a recommendation or statement of opinion that is intended to influence you in making a decision to participate in the Placing. Any advice contained in the documentation should be seen as general advice only and does not take into account the objectives, financial situation or needs of any particular person. Neither P2P Global Investments plc nor any of its related bodies corporate is licensed to provide financial product advice and before acting on the information contained in the documentation, or making a decision to participate in the offer, you should consider seeking professional

financial product advice from an independent person licensed by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to give such advice. Neither an Australian law compliant prospectus nor a Product Disclosure Statement has been or will be issued in relation to this offer. No cooling-off regime applies to the financial products offered to you pursuant to this document or any accompanying documentation.

Any shares issued to a person in Australia must not be offered for resale within Australia within 12 months of them being issued unless any such resale offer is exempt from the requirement to issue a disclosure document under section 708 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

### **Notice to prospective investors in Hong Kong**

WARNING – the contents of this document have not been reviewed by any regulatory authority in Hong Kong. You are advised to exercise caution in relation to the offer. If you are in any doubt about any of the contents of this document, you should obtain independent professional advice.

### **Notice to prospective investors in Singapore**

The offer of interests herein is made in reliance on the exemption(s) provided under the Singapore Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289 of Singapore) (“SFA”) and is not made in, or accompanied by, a prospectus that is registered by the Monetary Authority of Singapore, and pursuant thereto the interests offered herein and accepted by you in accordance with the terms and conditions herein may not be subsequently sold to any person, unless the offer resulting in such subsequent sale is made in compliance with the SFA and/or in reliance on any applicable exemption(s) provided under the SFA.

The Company is not authorised or recognised by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. The offer which is the subject of this information memorandum is not allowed to be made to the retail public. Each of this information memorandum and any other document or material issued in connection with the offer is not a prospectus as defined in the Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289 of Singapore) (“SFA”). Accordingly statutory liability under the SFA in relation to the content of prospectuses would not apply. You should consider carefully whether the investment is suitable for you.

### **Notice to prospective investors in Switzerland**

This document does not constitute an issue prospectus within the meaning of, and has been prepared without regard to the disclosure standards for issue prospectuses under article 652a or article 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations or the disclosure standards for listing prospectuses under article 27 et seqq. of the SIX Swiss Exchange Listing Rules or the listing rules of any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland.

The Shares will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd. or on any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland and, therefore, this document may not comply with the disclosure standards of any such stock exchange or trading facility.

Accordingly, the Shares in the Company will not be distributed, as defined by the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes (“CISA”) – in particular Art. 3 CISA – its implementing ordinances and the applicable FINMA guidelines (“Distribution”), in or from Switzerland (and neither this document nor any other offering materials relating to the Company will be made available from this time through Distribution in or from Switzerland). The Shares in the Company may therefore only be acquired by (i) licensed financial institutions, (ii) regulated insurance institutions and (iii) other investors in a way which does not represent a Distribution within the meaning of the CISA.

Neither this document nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the offering, the Company or the Shares have been or will be filed with, registered or approved by any Swiss regulatory authority. In particular, the Company has not been registered, and will not be registered with FINMA as a foreign collective investment scheme.

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The Issue that is referred to in this document is available, and is and may be made, in or from within the Bailiwick of Guernsey, and this document is being provided in or from within the Bailiwick of Guernsey only:

- (i) by persons licensed to do so under the Protection of Investors (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1987 (as amended); or
- (ii) to persons licensed under the Protection of Investors (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1987 (as amended), the Insurance Business (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002 (as amended), the Banking Supervision (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1994 (as amended) or the Regulation of Fiduciaries, Administration Businesses and Company Directors, etc. (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2000 (as amended).

The Issue referred to in this document and this document are not available in or from within the Bailiwick of Guernsey other than in accordance with paragraphs (i) and (ii) above and must not be relied upon by any person unless made or received in accordance with such paragraphs.

### **Notice to prospective investors in Jersey**

Subject to certain exemptions (if applicable), offers for securities in the Company may only be distributed and promoted in or from within Jersey by persons with appropriate registration under the Financial Services (Jersey) Law 1998, as amended. It must be distinctly understood that the Jersey Financial Services Commission does not accept any responsibility for the financial soundness of or any representations made in connection with the Company.

Consent under the Control of Borrowing (Jersey) Order 1958 has not been obtained for the circulation of this document. Accordingly, the offer that is the subject of this document may only be made in Jersey where the offer is not an offer to public or the offer is valid in the United Kingdom or Guernsey and is circulated into Jersey only to persons similar to those to whom, and in a manner similar to that in which, it is for the time being circulated in the United Kingdom or Guernsey as the case may be.

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## EXPECTED TIMETABLE

	<b>2015</b>
Conversion of the Existing C Shares	22 July
Latest time and date for receipt of completed application forms from the Intermediaries in respect of the Intermediaries Offer	5.00 pm on 23 July
Latest time and date for commitments under the Placing	5.00 pm on 23 July
Publication of results of the Placing and the Intermediaries Offer	24 July
Admission and dealings in C Shares commence	28 July
CREST accounts credited with uncertificated C Shares	28 July
Where applicable, definitive share certificates despatched by post in the week commencing*	3 August

*Any changes to the expected timetable set out above will be notified by the Company through a Regulatory Information Service*

*All references to times in this document are to London times*

*\*Underlying Applicants who apply to Intermediaries for C Shares under the Intermediaries Offer will not receive share certificates.*

## ISSUE STATISTICS

Issue Price	£10 per C Share
Gross proceeds of the Issue*	£400 million
Estimated net proceeds of the Issue to be received by the Company*	£396 million
Expected Net Asset Value per C Share on Admission*	£9.90 per C Share

*\*Assuming that the Issue is subscribed as to £400 million. The costs of the Issue to be borne by the Company will not exceed 1.3 per cent. of the gross proceeds of the Issue.*

## DEALING CODES

The dealing codes for the C Shares are as follows:

ISIN	GB00BYRY7J03
SEDOL	BYRY7J0
Ticker	P2P2

The dealing codes for the Ordinary Shares are as follows:

ISIN	GB00BLP57Y95
SEDOL	BLP57Y9
Ticker	P2P

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## PART I

### INTRODUCTION TO THE COMPANY AND THE P2P LENDING OPPORTUNITY

#### **The Company**

The Company is a closed-ended investment company incorporated in England and Wales on 6 December 2013. The Company carries on business as an investment trust within the meaning of Chapter 4 of Part 24 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010. The Company was admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange and raised gross proceeds of £200 million pursuant to the First Placing and Offer in May 2014. The Company subsequently raised gross proceeds of £250 million pursuant to the First C Share Placing and Offer in January 2015. The Existing C Shares are expected to be converted, in accordance with the Articles, into Ordinary Shares on or around 22 July 2015 and, in any event, prior to the issue of any new C Shares pursuant to the Issue. The Company issued a further 1,999,999 new Ordinary Shares in June 2015, raising gross proceeds of approximately £21.5 million.

The Company's investment objective is to provide Shareholders with an attractive level of dividend income and capital growth through exposure to investments in alternative finance and related instruments.

The Company invests in consumer loans, SME loans, corporate loans and loans against corporate trade receivables and other assets, which have been originated by Platforms. The Company may also invest in facilities, securities or other interests backed by a portfolio of any of the aforementioned loans, assets or receivables (all of the foregoing, "Credit Assets"). The Company will typically seek to invest in Credit Assets with targeted net annualised returns of 5 to 15 per cent.

The Company purchases Credit Assets directly (via Platforms) and also invests in Credit Assets indirectly via other investment funds (including those managed by the Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager or their affiliates).

The Group will acquire exposure to Credit Assets through a variety of different models and structures. The Group may lend directly to a Platform's borrower members or to a Platform itself which subsequently lends to its borrower members. In addition, the Group may invest in Notes or instruments backed by Credit Assets and issued by Platforms or SPVs established by a Platform, the Investment Manager or the Company that provide economic exposure to their returns on certain Credit Assets. References in this document to "loans" should therefore be construed accordingly.

Borrowings may be employed at the level of the Company and at the level of any investee entity (including, without limitation, any other investment fund in which the Company invests or any SPV that may be established by the Company in connection with obtaining leverage against any of its assets or any issuer vehicle of facilities, securities or other interests backed by a portfolio of Credit Assets). The Group intends, shortly before or after Admission, to obtain a US\$75 million facility in relation to a portfolio of Lending Club loans.

The Company also invests in the listed or unlisted securities issued by one or more Platforms.

#### **The Investment Manager and the Sub-Manager**

##### ***Investment Manager***

The Company's investment manager is Eaglewood Europe LLP ("Eaglewood Europe"). The Investment Manager is responsible for the discretionary management of the Company's portfolio of Credit Assets and other investments. Prior to 1 May 2015, the Company's investment manager was Marshall Wace LLP, an affiliate of Eaglewood Europe. The Management Agreement was novated to Eaglewood Europe on 1 May 2015. The managing member of Eaglewood Europe is MW Eaglewood Management Limited ("MW Eaglewood") (which currently holds a majority stake in Eaglewood Europe). MW Eaglewood is majority owned by Marshall Wace Holdings Limited (which is the holding company of the various Marshall Wace operating entities). Further information on Eaglewood Europe is set out in Part II of this document.

## **Sub-Manager**

On 30 April 2014, Marshall Wace Holdings Limited (via a subsidiary) acquired a controlling stake in Eaglewood Capital Management LLC, an SEC registered investment adviser. The Investment Manager has, pursuant to the Sub-Management Agreement, delegated certain of its responsibilities and functions, including its discretionary management of the Company's portfolio of Credit Assets, to the Sub-Manager. The Sub-Manager is the manager of the Eaglewood Funds (which invest in Credit Assets) in which the Group has invested and acts as investment adviser to a number of separate managed accounts which also invest in Credit Assets.

## **Introduction to the P2P lending industry**

In the peer-to-peer (P2P) lending industry, borrowers (also commonly referred to as "borrower members") and investors (also commonly referred to as "lender members") are matched via Platforms to originate credit transactions, resulting in the disintermediation of more traditional financial institutions. The business model (also referred to as the "marketplace model"), which originated in 2005 and is driven by financial technology, has begun to take market share from the more traditional lending operations of the large commercial banks. There has been a recent rise in the number of P2P exchanges globally. As the P2P lending market has evolved, the models and structures adopted by Platforms have also evolved and while the Group lends directly to borrower members through Platforms which operate the marketplace model, the Group may also lend to Platforms which lend directly to their borrower members.

In the traditional bank lending model, a decision to extend credit to an individual or business is not a binary decision made solely on the creditworthiness of the counterparty. Banks typically make decisions to extend credit based on a variety of exogenous factors which often results in a lack of credit risk-based pricing for the borrower. Some of the typical factors that may affect a bank's lending decisions and the price at which to extend credit are outlined below.

Banks typically operate on a large fixed cost basis, including personnel, branch infrastructure and administration. These costs can be a factor in the interest rates offered to their customers.

Bank regulation (in particular in Europe and the US) has also imposed restrictions on certain types of lending by banks to ensure that deposit taking institutions maintain defined capital and liquidity requirements to safeguard client deposits. As such, banks will typically make decisions on originating loans at least in part based on their own capital adequacy requirements in respect of risk weighted assets, as opposed to analysing the true creditworthiness of borrowers.

Through the emergence of e-commerce and big data processing, online peer-to-peer lending has developed efficient and effective ways to analyse and categorise credit risk across numerous asset classes. Big data optimisation is the technologically driven process that allows the Platforms to design underwriting models utilising high volumes of information obtained through third party sources, to make educated decisions on a borrower member's creditworthiness.

The transparency and scale of information via credit ratings agencies in conjunction with online businesses that facilitate data analytics allows credit decisions and transactions to be made in an accurate, efficient and cost effective manner.

## **Introduction to Platforms in the P2P lending industry**

### **Overview**

P2P marketplaces have evolved to help accommodate borrowers from various debt classes, including consumers, SMEs and corporates.

Platforms generally focus on high quality credit via a transparent and risk based process and allow borrower members to obtain loans with interest rates that are often lower than those offered by commercial banks or credit card providers. Platforms also enable lender members to acquire loans with interest rates and credit characteristics that can offer attractive returns. As a result, lender members and borrower members on Platforms commonly share the margin that a traditional banking intermediary would normally capture. The Platforms often charge fees to their lender members for the services provided, including screening borrower

members for their eligibility and credit criteria, managing the supply and demand of the marketplace, and facilitating payments and debt collection.

### **P2P process**

Platforms typically use multi-level credit and risk rating models to assess the creditworthiness of borrower members. Platforms typically focus on high quality borrowers, categorised as prime to super-prime by historic FICO-based or similar standards.

Lender members are usually able to select loans and certain Platforms provide upwards of 200 anonymised data fields on each borrower member which allows them to make educated decisions in their loan selection process.

Borrower members are required to submit detailed information about themselves, their employment status (in the case of consumer loans), their general finances and the purpose of their loan. Their applications are subject to detailed review and credit scoring by the Platforms. Many applications are automatically declined as a result of failing on one or more basic criteria, for example, insufficient credit scores, debt-to-income ratios that are too high, or, in the case of SMEs, insufficient financial history. The Platforms also obtain information and a credit assessment rating from one or more independent credit ratings agencies. Applications are then further reviewed through their underwriting process, which includes both identification and fraud checks. In the case of consumer loans, most employed borrower members and/or their employers are contacted individually in order to verify information provided. After accepting a loan application and classifying each loan into a credit grade and assigning an interest rate level or band, the Platform posts the loan request online for funding on an individual or pooled basis, depending on the Platform. As a result, investors then have the transparency through certain Platforms to acquire loans based on their desired borrower criteria and risk appetite.

Once a borrower member receives funding and accepts a loan offer, the amortising loan is activated and principal and interest are paid down on a monthly basis for the specified loan term. Lender members earn the stated interest net of any Platform servicing fees and less any defaulted repayments.

### **Platform asset classes in the P2P lending market**

The concept of the P2P lending marketplace has lent itself to a broad range of product offerings. Consumer debt, SME debt and corporate invoice receivables are some of the most developed products, with leading Platforms in each area seeing significant growth in recent years.

#### **Consumer loans**

The global P2P consumer loan business is a multi-billion dollar industry that matches retail borrower members with retail and institutional capital at rates that are competitive with those offered by traditional banks. As at 30 April 2015, total consumer credit outstanding in the US stood at US\$3.38 trillion (*Source: US Federal Reserve*) and the EU market size for outstanding consumer debt was €566 billion (*Source: European Central Bank*).

The cost effective origination model operated by Platforms allows certain consumers to borrow money at interest rates at which banks would generally not be able to cover their cost base. For example, in the US, certain consumer borrowers have the opportunity to obtain small loans of up to 5 year terms at interest rates below 6 per cent. per annum. For lenders, consumer Platforms offer net returns of 5 to 10 per cent. per annum, depending on the risk profile of their loan selection.

#### **SME loans**

The Platforms operating in this asset class focus on connecting institutional and retail capital to SMEs requiring debt finance. Generally, SMEs that are accepted as borrower members are established businesses. As at February 2015, the outstanding balance of loans to SMEs in the UK was £168 billion (*Source: Bank of England*).

The emergence of P2P SME loan Platforms in the UK, such as Funding Circle (UK), allows creditworthy SMEs to borrow money online at interest rates as low as 6 per cent. per annum. For lenders, the Funding Circle (UK) SME Platform offers the majority of investors net returns of 3.5 to 9 per cent. per annum.

### **Corporate invoice receivables**

Invoice financing has emerged as a lending asset class whereby a Platform advances funds against invoice receivables. This form of financing allows businesses seeking working capital to get advances on cash due from their customers. From a borrower member's perspective, this form of short-term (typically 30 to 180 days) financing provides for a low cost way for the business to receive capital instead of an often more restrictive and/or more expensive banking facility.

In many cases, SMEs which sell goods or services to blue chip companies can receive advances against their invoices via P2P Platforms for an annualised discount factor of 8 to 20 per cent. of the face value of the invoice.

### **Platforms in the US, UK and New Zealand**

Set out below is an overview of some of the established Platforms in the US, UK and New Zealand through which the Company currently invests (directly or indirectly through other investment funds) and which the Company (or its subsidiary undertakings) and/or the Investment Manager have entered into agreements with in relation to the deployment of the Company's capital.

#### **Lending Club (US)**

Lending Club is a US-based Platform for consumer lending that was established in 2007. It is the largest P2P loan platform globally, in terms of volume of loan origination, with loan origination over US\$9.2 billion from launch (as of March 2015) and current quarterly origination reaching approximately US\$1.6 billion. Lending Club currently offers lender members average net annualised returns of 5.0 to 9.7 per cent., depending on credit grade (after fees and default losses) on their 3 to 5 year fully amortising loans with (across both 3 and 5 year loans) annualised lifetime default rates of 2 to 14 per cent. (Source: *Lending Club website*).

#### **Upstart (US)**

Launched in April 2012 by ex-Google employees, Upstart offers unsecured loans ranging from US\$3,000 to US\$35,000 to consumers, including those with shorter credit history ("thin file applicants") who, based on Upstart's underwriting and risk assessment process, are able to demonstrate potential for future income earnings based on their education and work experience. Upstart currently offers lender members average net annualised returns of 5.1 per cent. to 8.4 per cent. (after fees and default losses), depending on credit grade. (Source: *Upstart website*).

#### **Prosper (US)**

Founded in 2005, Prosper is the second largest consumer platform in the US, with more than two million members and over US\$3 billion in funded loans. Borrower members list unsecured loan requests between US\$2,000 and US\$35,000. The average expected annualised net yield (after fees) is 6.87 per cent. (Source: *Prosper website*).

#### **Funding Circle (UK)**

Launched in 2010, Funding Circle (UK) was the first, and is now the leading, P2P SME Platform in the UK and globally in terms of volume of loan origination. The Platform has originated over £682 million of loans since inception. The loans have been funded by lenders including retail lenders, county councils, the Government-backed British Finance Partnership (£20 million lent from March 2013) and the Government-backed British Business Bank, who have committed to lend £40 million from its £300 million investment programme. The Platform operates using a floored auction rate model which has achieved net annualised returns to lenders of 6.6 per cent., since inception, and which has a current expected lifetime bad debt rate of 4.2 per cent. Funding Circle (UK) currently offers loans with terms up to 5 years to UK-based established SMEs. (Source: *Funding Circle (UK) website*).

### **Zopa (UK)**

Zopa, founded in 2005, was the first P2P Platform worldwide and is currently the largest Platform in the UK with over £907 million in origination since inception. Its business focuses on matching high credit quality consumer borrower members in search of 1 to 5 year term loans with lender members, who can earn a current expected annualised net yield (after fees) of 5.0 per cent. Loans originated through the Platform since 2011 have an historic lifetime overall default loss rate of not more than 0.96 per cent. (Source: Zopa website).

### **RateSetter (UK)**

Founded in 2010, the business has emerged as one of the leading UK consumer Platforms, having originated over £671 million since launch. The current average expected annualised net yield (after fees) is 5.5 per cent. and 6.6 per cent. on 3 and 5 year loans respectively. Over the full term, RateSetter expects the bad debt rate on outstanding loans to be approximately 1.4 per cent. (Source: RateSetter website).

### **Harmony (NZ)**

Launched in 2014, Harmony is New Zealand's first licensed peer to peer lending Platform. Harmony has originated over NZ\$50 million in consumer loans over 8 months and was forecasted to generate annualised returns of 12 per cent. on deployed capital. The loans have been funded by individuals and several major institutional investors. Its business focuses on loans to creditworthy individuals of NZ\$1,000 – NZ\$35,000 with terms of 36 and 60 months. (Source: Harmony website).

#### *Default rates*

Borrower member default rates across Platforms are key variables that could impact the Company's future performance. The Investment Manager has undertaken substantial research into historical loss rates across each of the Platforms via which the Company purchases assets in order to extrapolate forecasted default losses. The methodology and assumptions used by the Platforms to present historical default experience varies for different Platforms and certain Platforms have more limited performance data due to their short operating history, and accordingly past data may not reflect future developments. In order to evaluate expected net returns on loans, the Investment Manager applies what it considers to be a realistic, yet prudent, view on expected annualised loss rates by considering fully matured loans and loans that have sufficient performance history to extrapolate expected lifetime of loan defaults based on default curves.

## **The regulatory environment**

### **United Kingdom**

On 1 April 2014, the regulation of the consumer credit market transferred from the Office of Fair Trading to the FCA, including responsibility for regulating peer-to-peer lending platforms. There is a regulated activity of 'operating an electronic system in relation to lending' that covers the facilitation of lending and borrowing through electronic platforms. This regulated activity covers the operation of the electronic platform, as well as other connected activities including, presenting the loan agreements to the lender and borrower, providing information to potential lenders about the financial standing of potential borrowers, collecting debts and administering the agreements facilitated by the Platform and providing credit information services (including credit repair). Certain of the Platforms operating in the UK through which the Company invests must hold either interim permission or authorisation from the FCA for this activity. As part of its due diligence procedures, the Investment Manager will check that Platforms through which it invests are appropriately authorised.

The FCA has also introduced regulatory controls for Platform operators, including the application of conduct of business rules (in particular, around disclosure and promotions), minimum capital requirements, client money protection rules, dispute resolution rules and a requirement for firms to take reasonable steps to ensure existing loans continue to be administered if the firm goes out of business.

The Company currently holds an interim permission from the FCA for its consumer credit regulated activities. As the holder of an interim permission, the Company is required to comply with the FCA's Principles for Business and is subject to certain of the FCA's Systems and Controls (SYSC) guidance for consumer credit firms. The Company will, between 1 August 2015 and 31 October 2015, be required to seek full authorisation from the FCA. Once the Company is fully authorised, it will also be subject to a number of other requirements

applicable to other authorised firms, including the approved persons regime, the controllers regime, periodic reporting requirements and complaints reporting and publication rules.

The FCA has created a sourcebook called CONC which contains the detailed conduct requirements for consumer credit firms. This sets out the detailed requirements on the Company in relation to its activities of lending under regulated consumer credit agreements and on the Platforms which facilitate such lending. As both the holder of an interim permission and as a fully authorised consumer credit firm that will, through certain Platforms, be lending to UK consumer borrowers, the Company is and will be subject to detailed requirements in relation to, *inter alia*, the content of loan agreements with those borrowers and pre-contract disclosures to such borrowers.

### **United States**

Consumer lending in the US is highly regulated. SME and other types of lending are less regulated but are by no means free of regulatory oversight in the US.

For consumer lending regulatory reasons in the US, Platforms following the Lending Club model operate differently to the UK Platforms. All loans on the Lending Club Platform are closed in the name of and are exclusively funded by WebBank, a Utah-chartered industrial bank organised under Title 7, Chapter 8 of the Utah Code and which has its deposits insured by the FDIC. It has worked jointly with Lending Club to act as issuer of the Platform's loans. WebBank is subject to supervision and examination by the Utah Department of Financial Institutions and the FDIC. Following loan closing and funding, WebBank holds each loan for two days before it sells each loan to Lending Club.

The US Platforms following the Lending Club model are required to hold consumer lending licences, collections licences or similar authorisations in some states. Such Platforms are subject to supervision and examination by the state regulatory authorities that administer the state lending laws. The licensing statutes vary from state to state and variously prescribe or impose recordkeeping requirements; restrictions on loan origination and servicing practices, including limits on finance charges and the type, amount and manner of charging fees; disclosure requirements; requirements that licensees submit to periodic examination; surety bond and minimum specified net worth requirements; periodic financial reporting requirements; notification requirements for changes in principal officers, stock ownership or corporate control; restrictions on advertising; and requirements that loan forms be submitted for review.

Funding Circle (US) operates differently to Lending Club. ELN Partners, LP an affiliate of Funding Circle (US), holds a California Finance Lender's License and originates commercial loans to SMEs. It then sells those loans to institutional and accredited investors.

A US Platform takes one of the following actions with respect to each loan: (a) it holds it on its books and sells borrower payment dependent notes ("Notes"), to each investor who made a successful bid in relation to a borrower's loan request, with the cash flows on the Notes tracking the cash flows on the underlying borrower loan, or (b) in the case of Lending Club, certificates ("Certificates") are issued by LC Trust I, a trust affiliated with Lending Club. The Certificates are linked to interests in consumer loans which Lending Club has acquired from WebBank, or (c) it sells all rights, title and interest in the loan pursuant to a loan purchase agreement ("Loan Purchase Agreement") to a single acquirer which becomes the sole investor in such loan.

The sale of Notes (described in (a) above) is the mechanism pursuant to which the Platform sells "fractional loans" to an investor (namely, where the investor holds, through the Notes, only a percentage of a particular loan). The Notes are registered as securities with the SEC. As such, they may be sold by a holder via a secondary market.

The sale of Certificates (described in (b) above) through Lending Club is specific to lender member interest in LC Advisors, an SEC registered investment adviser that acts as the general partner for certain separately managed accounts offered by Lending Club. These Certificates, although linked to the acquisition of fractional interests in consumer loans similar to the Notes, are not registered with the SEC and accordingly may not be sold in the same way as Notes.

The sale pursuant to (c) above is the mechanism for the sale of "whole loans" to the acquirer. The whole loan programme is generally available only to institutional investors and they are not SEC registered securities.

In each of the above scenarios, the Platform services the borrower member's loan, collects payments and makes distributions to the lender members in accordance with the terms of the Notes, Certificates or the Loan Purchase Agreement, as applicable. For its loan servicing activity, the Platform earns servicing fees.

In the US, the Company acquires loans or interests in loans through various techniques, including the purchase of Notes, Certificates and the purchase of whole loans directly.

## **PART II**

### **THE COMPANY**

#### **Investment objective**

The Company's investment objective is to provide Shareholders with an attractive level of dividend income and capital growth through exposure to investments in alternative finance and related instruments.

#### **Investment policy**

The Company's investment policy was amended pursuant to a resolution passed at a general meeting held on 15 June 2015 in order to provide increased flexibility for the investment and management of the Company's assets. The new investment policy as adopted at that meeting is as follows:

The Company invests in consumer loans, SME loans, corporate loans, and advances and loans against corporate trade receivables and other assets, which have been originated via Platforms. The Company may also invest in facilities, securities or other interests backed by a portfolio of any of the aforementioned loans, assets or receivables (all of the foregoing, "Credit Assets"). The Company will typically seek to invest in Credit Assets with targeted net annualised returns of 5 to 15 per cent.

The Company purchases Credit Assets directly (via Platforms) and also invests in Credit Assets indirectly via other investment funds (including those managed by the Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager or their affiliates) that it deems suitable with a view to enhancing Shareholder returns and providing diversification of the Company's assets. The Company will generally only seek to invest via other investment funds where these enable investments in Credit Assets from Platforms that the Company either cannot gain direct access to or could only gain direct access to on less favourable terms than an investment via another investment fund. The Company's investments in Credit Assets may be made through subsidiaries of the Company.

The Company may also invest (in aggregate) up to 10 per cent. of Gross Assets (at the time of investment) in the listed or unlisted securities issued by one or more Platforms. This restriction shall not apply to any consideration paid by the Company for the issue to it of any convertible securities by a Platform. However, it will apply to any consideration payable by the Company at the time of exercise of any such convertible securities or any warrants issued by a Platform.

The Company invests across various Platforms, asset classes, geographies (primarily US and Europe) and credit risk bands in order to ensure diversification and to seek to mitigate concentration risks. The following investment limits and restrictions apply to the Company, to ensure that the diversification of the Company's portfolio is maintained and that concentration risk is limited:

#### ***Platform restrictions***

The Company will not invest more than 33 per cent. of Gross Assets via any single Platform. This limit may be increased to 66 per cent. of Gross Assets via any single Platform, provided that where this limit is so increased in respect of any Platform the Company does not invest an amount which is greater than 25 per cent. (by value) of the total loan origination of the preceding calendar year through such Platform.

#### ***Asset class and geographic restrictions***

No single loan acquired by the Company will have an Expected Average Life of greater than 5 years. No single trade receivable asset acquired by the Company will be for a term longer than 180 days.

The Company will not invest more than 20 per cent. of Gross Assets, at the time of investment, via any single investment fund investing in Credit Assets. The Company will not invest, in aggregate, more than 60 per cent. of Gross Assets, at the time of investment, in other investment funds that invest in Credit Assets.

The Company will not invest more than 10 per cent. of its Gross Assets, at the time of investment, in other listed closed-ended investment funds, whether managed by the Investment Manager or not, except that this restriction shall not apply to investments in listed closed-ended investment funds which themselves have stated investment policies to invest no more than 15 per cent. of their gross assets in other listed closed-ended investment funds.

The following apply, in each case at the time of investment by the Company, to both Credit Assets acquired by the Company directly and on a look-through basis to any Credit Assets held by another investment fund in which the Company invests (proportionate to the percentage interest the Company has in such investment fund). It is intended that:

No single consumer loan shall exceed 0.25 per cent. of Gross Assets.

No single SME loan shall exceed 5.0 per cent. of Gross Assets.

No single advance or loan against a trade receivable asset shall exceed 5.0 per cent. of Gross Assets.

No single corporate loan shall exceed 5 per cent. of Gross Assets.

No single facility, security or other interest backed by a portfolio of loans, assets or receivables (excluding any borrowing ring-fenced within any SPV which would be without recourse to the Company) shall exceed 20 per cent. of Gross Assets.

For illustrative purposes only, if the Company acquires a 10 per cent. interest in another investment fund which invests in Credit Assets, at the time of investment in that other investment fund, no single consumer loan held by that investment fund may exceed 2.5 per cent. of Gross Assets.

The following restrictions apply to both Credit Assets acquired by the Company directly and on a look-through basis to any Credit Assets held by another investment fund in which the Company invests (proportionate to the percentage interest the Company has in such investment fund):

At least 10 per cent. of Gross Assets will be maintained in consumer Credit Assets, not more than 50 per cent. of Gross Assets will be maintained in SME Credit Assets and not more than 50 per cent. of Gross Assets will be maintained in trade receivable assets.

The Company will maintain at least 10 per cent. of Gross Assets in Credit Assets in Europe and at least 10 per cent. of Gross Assets in Credit Assets in the United States.

#### ***Other restrictions***

The Company may invest in cash, cash equivalents and fixed income instruments for cash management purposes and with a view to enhancing returns to Shareholders or mitigating credit exposure. However, the Company will only invest in fixed income instruments of investment grade.

The Company will not invest in CDOs.

#### ***Borrowing policy***

Borrowings may be employed at the level of the Company and at the level of any investee entity (including, without limitation, any other investment fund in which the Company invests or any special purpose vehicle ("SPV") that may be established by the Company in connection with obtaining leverage against any of its assets or any issuer vehicle of facilities, securities or other interests backed by a portfolio of Credit Assets).

The aggregate leverage of the Company and any investee entity (on a look-through basis, proportionate to the percentage interest the Company retains in the most junior tranche of such investee entity) shall not exceed 1.5 times Net Asset Value.

The Company may seek to securitise portfolios of Credit Assets and may establish one or more SPVs in connection with any such securitisation.

The Company may also use SPVs in connection with obtaining leverage against Credit Assets to seek to protect the levered portfolio from group level bankruptcy or financing risks. The Company may also, in connection with seeking such leverage or securitising its loans, seek to assign existing assets to one or more SPVs and/or seek to acquire loans using an SPV. The Company will ensure that any SPV used by it to acquire or receive (by way of assignment or otherwise) any loans to UK consumers shall first obtain any required authorisation from the FCA for consumer credit business.

No material change will be made to the investment policy without the approval of Shareholders by ordinary resolution.

### **Hedging policy**

The Company typically seeks to hedge currency exposure. The Company may also seek to hedge interest rate, equity and credit exposures in light of potential market developments.

The Company will, to the extent it is able to do so on terms that the Investment Manager considers to be commercially acceptable, seek to arrange suitable hedging contracts, such as futures contracts, options, forward agreements and other derivative contracts (including, but not limited to, interest rate swaps, total return swaps and credit default swaps) in a timely manner and on terms acceptable to the Company.

The Company does not intend to hedge interest rate risk on a regular basis. However, where it enters floating-rate liabilities against fixed-rate loans, it may at its sole discretion seek to hedge out the interest rate exposure, taking into consideration amongst other things the cost of hedging and the general interest rate environment.

### **Investment strategy and risk management policy**

The Investment Manager's investment strategy and risk management policy can be broadly split into three stages: (i) Platform due diligence and on boarding; (ii) capital allocation and asset selection; and (iii) portfolio and risk monitoring.

#### ***Platform due diligence and on boarding***

Prior to investing in any Credit Assets through a Platform, the Investment Manager engages in a thorough due diligence process to ensure that the Platform has appropriate expertise and the necessary operational systems in place. A commercial and financial assessment is undertaken in order to examine: (a) any potential partner Platform's ability to do business in the markets in which it operates for the foreseeable future; (b) the soundness of the Platform's financial planning; (c) the Platform's ability to manage regulatory and business risks; and (d) the robustness of the Platform's outsourcing to third party agencies to continue servicing loans in the event of that Platform's insolvency.

Subsequently, a systems and infrastructure validation is carried out to assess the robustness of each potential partner Platform's systems and infrastructure in the context of its internal operations and procedures, as well as its ability to manage operational risks in its major internal functions.

The Investment Manager intends, as far as possible, to automate all information gathering, documentation and reconciliation processes, and will seek to implement API access to Platforms' data; both on its existing portfolio of investments through a Platform and in relation to potential investments through a Platform.

#### ***Capital allocation and asset selection***

The market for peer-to-peer lending Platforms is growing and the Investment Manager considers, across a broad spectrum of Platforms, the relative merits of different asset classes and sources of Credit Assets. Risk-reward optimisation takes place across individual Platform grades and takes into account, *inter alia*, gross interest rates, expected default loss rates, market capacity and leverage considerations. Expected default loss rates are derived from the Investment Manager's analysis of historical payment data, where possible. The availability of large datasets of historical origination and payment performance (including Credit Assets not purchased by the Investment Manager) is a key feature of peer-to-peer lending Platforms' businesses.

Within each risk band of Credit Assets, the Investment Manager typically has a further choice of individual assets to select from. Depending on each Platform's operating model, Credit Assets may be offered for sale on an individual or a pooled basis. The Investment Manager may work with partner Platforms to design bespoke credit and underwriting criteria that are set as minimum requirements for any loans selected by the Investment Manager for investment, or will develop its own algorithms for selecting individual assets, again based on expected default loss and net return rates. The Investment Manager intends to exploit its algorithms and technology to achieve the fastest possible execution for the acquisition of loans through Platforms.

The Investment Manager allocates assets using its proprietary asset selection models which are designed to identify individual assets within each Platform credit grade with superior risk/reward ratios. The proprietary asset selection models will seek to generate outperformance from active selection of individual assets, as compared to a passive investment approach, by analysing parameters such as default risk, duration, geography and asset class at the market place and aggregate portfolio level. The Investment Manager backtests the performance of historical loan parameters to assess their outperformance against indexing.

### ***Portfolio and risk monitoring***

The balance of anticipated rewards with inherent risks is an integral part of the Investment Manager's asset selection strategy and drives all aspects of capital allocation. The Investment Manager applies risk management processes in order to limit the impact of unforeseen shocks, maintain the required diversification standards, and provide the Board with timely and accurate reporting on all components of the Group's portfolio of investments. The Investment Manager and its affiliates have built extensive portfolio monitoring tools that calculate exposures for controlled parameters and other categories, such as asset class, Platform, geography, expected default loss rates, payment status, term and time to maturity. For example, US Platforms generally offer a wider credit grade spectrum of loans as compared to the UK Platforms. Platforms in both the US and the UK, however, offer loans that meet an acceptable risk-return profile that the Investment Manager seeks to invest in in order to create a diversified portfolio of Credit Assets.

The Investment Manager's portfolio monitoring tools also allow the Investment Manager to drill-down into sub-categories and conduct scenario analysis of future positions. For assets that have attained around 30 per cent. of their scheduled maturity, the Investment Manager regularly compares realised static pool losses against initial expected losses. The Investment Manager also regularly monitors the correlation between default loss rates from different asset classes.

Stress tests on the portfolio are based on scaling of the expected portfolio loss rates. The Investment Manager uses long-term historical time-series, such as the US Federal Reserve's credit card charge-off statistics, to calibrate its stress severities.

Where the Company invests in Credit Assets indirectly through any other investment fund, those investments are made in accordance with the investment policy, investment strategy and risk tolerances stated above. Each such investment fund is analysed and monitored to understand its investment objective and policy, the associated credit asset risk and its ability to generate returns for the Company. At the Company portfolio level, any investments into other investment funds are expected to assist in mitigating any concentration risks by offering the Company the opportunity to access a broader spectrum of Credit Assets through different Platforms and across different credit grades, enhancing the overall portfolio diversification the Company seeks while also supporting the risk-adjusted returns that the Company is targeting.

The Company may also seek to make strategic investments in the equity of Platforms where the Investment Manager believes there to be significant potential valuation upside. The Investment Manager will seek to invest in Platforms which exhibit the potential to capture significant market share. The Investment Manager will undertake an extensive due diligence process prior to the acquisition of any equity stake in a Platform. The Company will be a passive investor in any Platform in which it invests.

## Investment portfolio and performance history

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had fully deployed the net proceeds of the First Placing and Offer and 90 per cent. of the net proceeds of the First C Share Placing and Offer (together the “Net Proceeds”) in, primarily, European and US consumer and SME Credit Assets and in equity issued by Platforms, with the balance, including the proceeds of the recent Tap Issue, being held as cash and other assets in accordance with the Company’s investment policy. The table below illustrates the portfolio composition as at the Latest Practicable Date, and has been produced from unaudited Investment Manager management accounts:

	<i>Credit Assets held directly via Platforms</i>	<i>Credit Assets held indirectly via other investment funds</i>
% of Net Proceeds in European Consumer Credit Assets	13.4	1.7
% of Net Proceeds in European SME Credit Assets	10.3	0
% of Net Proceeds in US Consumer Credit Assets	40.9	14.1
% of Net Proceeds in US SME Credit Assets	1.3	3.2
% of Net Proceeds in other jurisdictions in Consumer Credit Assets	1.2	0
% of Net Proceeds in other jurisdictions in SME Credit Assets	0	0
% of Net Proceeds in equity issued by Platforms	2.2	0

The table below illustrates the top ten positions of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date:

<i>Investment</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Principal Activity</i>	<i>Value as at the Latest Practicable Date</i>	<i>% of NAV</i>
Eaglewood SPV1 LP	US	Alternative Finance SPV	302,369,530	64.15
P2PCL	UK	Alternative Finance SPV	8,232,118	1.75
Ratesetter Equity	UK	P2P Lending Platform	2,400,003	0.51
Zopa Equity	UK	P2P Lending Platform	2,272,737	0.48
Direct Money Equity	UK	P2P Lending Platform	1,203,536	0.26
Lending Works Equity	UK	P2P Lending Platform	958,228	0.20
SME Loan	UK	Consumer Services	260,420	0.06
SME Loan	UK	Healthcare	260,420	0.06
SME Loan	UK	Manufacturing and Engineering	257,003	0.05
SME Loan	UK	Leisure & Hospitality	248,141	0.05

The current weighted average gross yield of SME and consumer loans within the Group’s portfolio is 11.0 per cent.

Set out below is the analysis of the Company’s loan investments by grade (as at the Latest Practicable Date):

<i>Internal grade</i>	<i>SME and consumer (£)</i>
A (Highest quality with minimal indicators of credit risk)	55,706,750
B (High quality, subject to low credit risk, minor adverse indicators)	81,876,155
C (Medium-grade, moderate credit risk, may have some adverse credit risk indicators)	106,322,151
D (Elevated credit risk, significant adverse indicators)	70,959,902
E (High credit risk, with serious adverse indicators (e.g. lower affordability, credit history, existing debt etc.))	1,535,624
Total	<u><u>316,400,582</u></u>

<sup>1</sup> On a blended portfolio basis depicting the assets attributable to the Ordinary Shares and the Existing C Shares together

The Company is permitted under its investment policy to invest up to 10 per cent. of Gross Assets in the listed or unlisted securities issued by Platforms. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had invested in the equity of Platforms representing 2.25 per cent. of NAV.

As at 31 May 2015, the unaudited Net Asset Value per Ordinary Share was 1001.85 pence and the unaudited Net Asset Value per Existing C Share was 998.46 pence. This represents NAV growth of 5.26 per cent. for the Ordinary Shares since the First Placing and Offer and 0.87 per cent. for the Existing C Shares since the First C Share Placing and Offer (in each case from inception and excluding issue costs).

The Ordinary Shares have traded at an average premium to NAV of 11.0 per cent. since the First Placing and Offer and the Existing C Shares have traded at an average premium to NAV of 7.0 per cent. since the First C Share Placing and Offer.

As at 31 May 2015, the Company had delivered an annualised dividend yield of 6.5 per cent. in respect of the Ordinary Shares.

### **Dividend policy**

The Company intends to distribute at least 85 per cent. of its distributable income earned in each financial year by way of dividends. The Company paid a dividend of 6.0 pence per Ordinary Share on 30 December 2014, a dividend of 12.5 pence per Ordinary Share on 2 April 2015 and a dividend of 16.5 pence per Ordinary Share on 26 June 2015. The Company generally intends to pay dividends on a quarterly basis. On 29 June 2015, the Directors declared an interim dividend, relating to both the Ordinary Shares and the Existing C Shares, for the two month period ending 31 May 2015. The record date for the interim dividend falls prior to the Calculation Date for the Conversion of the Existing C Shares. The next anticipated interim dividend will be for the period ending 30 September 2015. The Company targets an annualised dividend yield of at least 6 to 8 per cent. of the Issue Price.

It is the intention of the Board to move towards a policy of balancing the quarterly dividend payments as soon as the revenue reserve position of the Company permits this approach.

Investors should note that the target dividend, including its declaration and payment dates, is a target only and not a profit forecast. There may be a number of factors that adversely affect the Company's ability to achieve the target dividends and there can be no assurance that it will be met or that any growth in the dividend will be achieved. The target dividend should not be seen as an indication of the Company's expected or actual results or returns. Accordingly, investors should not rely on these targets in deciding whether to invest in the Shares or assume that the Company will make any distributions at all.

In accordance with regulation 19 of the Investment Trust (Approved Company) (Tax) Regulations 2011, the Company will not (except to the extent permitted by those regulations) retain more than 15 per cent. of its income (as calculated for UK tax purposes) in respect of an accounting period.

### **Dividend reinvestment plan**

The Company has arranged a dividend reinvestment plan (the "Plan") that gives Shareholders the opportunity to use any cash dividends to buy Ordinary Shares through a special dealing arrangement. The Ordinary Shares to be bought will be existing Ordinary Shares in the Company and will be bought on the open market. No new Ordinary Shares will be created.

Shareholders electing to join the Plan will have as many Ordinary Shares as possible purchased for them from the proceeds of their cash dividends. A dealing commission and stamp duty reserve tax (at the prevailing rate) will be charged on the value of any Ordinary Shares purchased. The Plan is administered by Capita IRG Trustees Limited.

### **Share rating management**

The Board considers that it would be undesirable for the market price of the Ordinary Shares to diverge significantly from their Net Asset Value.

### **Premium management**

In the event that the Ordinary Shares trade at a premium to NAV, the Company may issue new Ordinary Shares. At the Company's annual general meeting held on 15 June 2015, the Directors were granted authority to issue Ordinary Shares representing up to 10 per cent. of the Company's then issued ordinary share capital until the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2016. This authority was fully utilised in connection with the Tap Issue. No Ordinary Shares will be issued at a price less than the Net Asset Value per existing Ordinary Share at the time of their issue.

Investors should note that the issuance of new Ordinary Shares is entirely at the discretion of the Board, and no expectation or reliance should be placed on such discretion being exercised on any one or more occasions or as to the proportion of new Ordinary Shares that may be issued.

### **Treasury shares**

The Act allows companies to hold shares acquired by way of market purchase as treasury shares, rather than having to cancel them. This would give the Company the ability to re-issue Ordinary Shares quickly and cost effectively, thereby improving liquidity and providing the Company with additional flexibility in the management of its capital base. No Ordinary Shares will be sold from treasury at a price less than the Net Asset Value per existing Ordinary Share at the time of their sale.

### **Discount management**

The Company may seek to address any significant discount to NAV at which its Ordinary Shares may be trading by purchasing its own Ordinary Shares in the market on an *ad hoc* basis.

The Directors have the authority to make market purchases of up to 2,998,000 Ordinary Shares. The maximum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for an Ordinary Share must not be more than the higher of (i) 5 per cent. above the average of the mid-market values of the Ordinary Shares for the five Business Days before the purchase is made, or (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid for the Ordinary Shares. Ordinary Shares will be repurchased only at prices below the prevailing NAV per Ordinary Share, which should have the effect of increasing the NAV per Ordinary Share for remaining Shareholders.

A renewal of the authority to make market purchases will be sought from Shareholders at each annual general meeting of the Company. Purchases of Ordinary Shares will be made within guidelines established from time to time by the Board. Any purchase of Ordinary Shares would be made only out of the available cash resources of the Company. Ordinary Shares purchased by the Company may be held in treasury or cancelled.

Purchases of Ordinary Shares may be made only in accordance with the Act, the Listing Rules and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

### **Conversion of C Shares**

#### **Existing C Shares**

The Existing C Shares are expected to be converted, in accordance with the Articles, into Ordinary Shares on or around 22 July 2015 and, in any event, prior to the issue of any new C Shares pursuant to the Issue.

#### **New C Shares**

The net proceeds of the Issue and the investments made with the net proceeds of the Issue will be accounted for and managed as a separate pool of assets until the Calculation Date, being a date determined by the Directors occurring not more than 10 Business Days after the day on which the Investment Manager shall have given notice to the Directors that at least 90 per cent. of the net proceeds of the Issue (or such other percentage as the Directors and Investment Manager shall agree) shall have been invested (or, if earlier, nine months after the date of issue of the C Shares). It is expected that the net proceeds of the Issue will be invested in cash deposits, cash equivalents and fixed income instruments for cash management purposes, pending investment in Credit Assets. The Investment Manager expects the net proceeds of the Issue to be largely fully invested within 6 to 9 months of Admission.

The Conversion Ratio will then be calculated (to four decimal places) and the C Shares in issue will convert into a number of Ordinary Shares calculated by reference to the net assets then attributable to the C Shares compared to the net assets at the same time attributable to the Ordinary Shares then in issue. Entitlements to Ordinary Shares will be rounded down to the nearest whole number. The C Shares will convert into Ordinary Shares on the Conversion Date, being the close of business on such Business Day as may be selected by the Directors falling not more than 10 Business Days after the Calculation Date.

The Articles contain the C Share rights, full details of which are set out in paragraph 3.18 of Part VII of this document.

### **Life of the Company**

The Company has no fixed life but pursuant to the Articles an ordinary resolution for the continuation of the Company will be proposed at the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2021 and, if passed, every five years thereafter. Upon any such resolution not being passed, proposals will be put forward by the Directors to the effect that the Company be wound up, liquidated, reconstructed or unitised.

### **Net Asset Value**

The unaudited Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Share are calculated by the Administrator (on the basis of information provided by the Investment Manager and/or the External Valuer) on a monthly basis, as described below. The NAV is published through a Regulatory Information Service and is available through the Company's website. The Company has appointed the External Valuer to value its Designated Investments in accordance with, and subject to, the requirements of the AIFM Directive, and in accordance with the terms of the External Valuer Agreement.

The Net Asset Value is the value of all assets of the Company less its liabilities to creditors (including provisions for such liabilities) determined in accordance with the Association of Investment Companies' valuation guidelines and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Investments in unlisted equity are valued at fair value through the profit and loss account. The fair value is based on cost less accumulated impairment loss as determined by the Investment Manager at the date of measurement relative to comparable instruments. The value of financial instruments is as determined by the purchase value less transaction costs at the time of recognition. Borrowings are valued as the principal amount of borrowings less any discounts and costs of issuance. All loans and receivables are accounted for on trade date based on an amortised cost basis. At acquisition, loans are valued at the initial advance amount inclusive of any fees paid to the Platforms or, at the purchase consideration paid, if acquired from a third party. Thereafter, all loans are valued at this amount less cumulative amortisation calculated using the Effective Interest Rate ('EIR') method. The EIR method spreads the expected net income from a loan over its expected life. The EIR is that rate of interest which, at inception, exactly discounts the future cash payments and receipts from the loan to the initial carrying amount.

Loans advanced are assessed by the Investment Manager for indications of impairment during and at the end of each reporting period. Evidence of impairment includes: (a) significant financial difficulty of the Platform; (b) breach of contract, such as default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; and (c) probability that a borrower will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation.

Loans advanced are further assessed for impairment on a collective basis even if they are assessed not to be impaired individually. Observable changes in economic conditions or changes in forecasted default or delinquency in interest or principal payments based on the Investment Manager's past experience are applied. The level of impairment loss recognised is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount is reduced directly by the applied impairment loss. Changes in the level of impairment are recognised in the profit and loss account although if in a subsequent period the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed the sum reversed is not more than that which is required to ensure that the carrying amount of the loan advance is not more than what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

If the Directors consider that any of the above bases of valuation are inappropriate in any particular case, or generally, they may adopt such other valuation procedures as they consider reasonable in the circumstances. For example, in the event that a liquid secondary market or exchange in P2P Credit Assets is established and the Company elects to buy and sell Credit Assets via this exchange, the Company may adopt a fair value accounting methodology.

The Directors may temporarily suspend the calculation, and publication, of the Net Asset Value during a period when, in the opinion of the Directors:

- there are political, economic, military or monetary events or any circumstances outside the control, responsibility or power of the Board, and disposal or valuation of investments of the Company or other transactions in the ordinary course of the Company's business is not reasonably practicable without this being materially detrimental to the interests of Shareholders or if, in the opinion of the Board, the Net Asset Value cannot be fairly calculated;
- there is a breakdown of the means of communication normally employed in determining the calculation of the Net Asset Value; or
- it is not reasonably practicable to determine the Net Asset Value on an accurate and timely basis.

Any suspension in the calculation of the Net Asset Value, to the extent required under the Articles or by the Listing Rules, will be notified through a Regulatory Information Service as soon as practicable after any such suspension occurs.

### **Meetings, reports and accounts**

The Company held its first annual general meeting on 15 June 2015 and is expected to hold an annual general meeting in June each year thereafter. The annual report and accounts of the Company will be made up to 31 December in each year with copies expected to be sent to Shareholders within the following four months. The Company also publishes unaudited half-yearly reports to 30 June with copies expected to be made available within the following two months or within such other period permitted under the Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

The Group's financial statements are prepared in accordance with IFRS.

### **The Takeover Code**

The Takeover Code applies to the Company.

Given the existence of the buyback powers as set out in the paragraphs above, there are certain considerations that Shareholders should be aware of with regard to the Takeover Code.

Under Rule 9 of the Takeover Code, any person who acquires shares which, taken together with shares already held by him or shares held or acquired by persons acting in concert with him, carry 30 per cent. or more of the voting rights of a company which is subject to the Takeover Code, are normally required to make a general offer to all the remaining shareholders to acquire their shares. Similarly, when any person or persons acting in concert already hold more than 30 per cent. but not more than 50 per cent. of the voting rights of such company, a general offer will normally be required if any further shares increasing that person's percentage of voting rights are acquired.

Under Rule 37 of the Takeover Code when a company purchases its own voting shares, a resulting increase in the percentage of voting rights carried by the shareholdings of any person or group of persons acting in concert will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of Rule 9 of the Takeover Code. A Shareholder who is neither a Director nor acting in concert with a Director will not normally incur an obligation to make an offer under Rule 9 of the Takeover Code in these circumstances.

However, under note 2 to Rule 37 of the Takeover Code where a shareholder has acquired shares at a time when he had reason to believe that a purchase by the company of its own voting shares would take place, then an obligation to make a mandatory bid under Rule 9 of the Takeover Code may arise.

The buyback powers could have implications under Rule 9 of the Takeover Code for Shareholders with significant shareholdings. The buyback powers should enable the Company to anticipate the possibility of such a situation arising. Prior to the Board implementing any share buyback the Board will identify any Shareholders who they are aware may be deemed to be acting in concert under note 1 of Rule 37 of the Takeover Code and will seek an appropriate waiver in accordance with note 2 of Rule 37. However, neither the Company, nor any of the Directors, nor the Investment Manager will incur any liability to any Shareholder(s) if they fail to identify the possibility of a mandatory offer arising or, if having identified such a possibility, they fail to notify the relevant Shareholder(s) or if the relevant Shareholder(s) fail(s) to take appropriate action.

### **Taxation**

Potential investors are referred to Part VI of this document for general details of the taxation of the Company and of Shareholders resident for tax purposes in the UK. Investors who are in any doubt as to their tax position or who are subject to tax in jurisdictions other than the UK are strongly advised to consult their own professional advisers.

### **Risk factors**

The Company's business is dependent on many factors and potential investors should read the whole of this document and in particular the section entitled "Risk Factors" on pages 18 to 38.

## PART III

### DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT

#### **Directors**

The Directors are responsible for the determination of the Company's investment policy and strategy and have overall responsibility for the Company's activities including the review of investment activity and performance and the control and supervision of the Investment Manager. All of the Directors are non-executive and are independent of the Investment Manager.

The Directors meet at least four times per annum, and the Audit and Valuation Committee meets at least twice per annum. The Directors are as follows:

#### ***Stuart Cruickshank*** (Chairman) (aged 61)

Stuart Cruickshank is an established financial professional with public company and Whitehall experience. He has worked for large, blue chip organisations such as Diageo, Whitbread and Kingfisher and he has also spent a number of years in SMEs. Stuart's sector exposure is wide and includes financial services, fast moving consumer goods, business to business, mass retailing, technology and entertainment. He has experience of investor relations on both sides of the Atlantic and in Continental Europe. His last executive role was Director General and Chief Finance Officer of HM Revenue & Customs.

Stuart has a number of non-executive roles. He chairs the Audit Committee of and is the Vice Chairman of Cambridge Building Society and is Chairman of the BMA Audit Committee. He took InternetQ Plc through the AIM admission process and chaired the organisation through the early stages of its life as a public company. He has previously held non-executive positions in the healthcare sector as well as with the technology company, Psion Plc.

#### ***Michael Cassidy*** (aged 68)

Michael has had over 40 years' experience as a qualified lawyer, principally engaged in investment work for a large pension fund and most recently as a consultant to DLA Piper. He had a career in City Local Government, with senior roles at Guildhall including Leader of the Council and Planning Chairman, and also the Museum of London and Property Investment Board. He has also been non-executive director of British Land and is currently senior non-executive director at Crossrail and Chairman of Ebbsfleet Urban Development Corporation. He was awarded CBE in 2004 for services to the City of London.

#### ***Simon King*** (aged 50)

Simon has many years of experience of managing investment companies and trusts. Simon joined Gartmore Fund Managers in 1994, initially working on the UK Smaller Companies team where he took charge of the NatWest Smaller Companies Exempt fund, the UK Emerging Companies Strategy fund and a selection of specialist pension fund products. In 2000 he became a senior investment manager on Gartmore's UK Equities team. He managed and co-managed a series of funds including the Gartmore UK Focus Fund, the Alphagen Avior Hedge Fund and the Alphagen Octanis Hedge Fund. From 2009 to 2012, Simon worked at Premier Asset Management where he managed UK unit trusts. Simon is currently a part time Senior Fund Manager at Numis Asset Management. Simon brings a wealth of experience in the areas of fund management, regulation and adherence to investment mandates.

#### **Investment Manager**

The Company's investment manager is Eaglewood Europe LLP ("Eaglewood Europe"). Eaglewood Europe is a limited liability partnership incorporated under the laws of England and Wales and is indirectly majority owned and controlled by Marshall Wace Holdings Limited. Marshall Wace LLP was, prior to 1 May 2015, the Company's investment manager. The Management Agreement was novated to Eaglewood Europe on 1 May 2015.

Simon Champ is a member of Eaglewood Europe.

The Investment Manager and its affiliates have invested substantially in technology and have built a robust and scalable global infrastructure. Their expertise has been leveraged by building out the operations and

technology infrastructure which they will use in the management, including execution and reconciliation, of the Group's portfolio.

### **Management Agreement**

The Company and the Investment Manager have entered into the Management Agreement, a summary of which is set out in paragraph 7.8 of Part VII of this document, under which the Investment Manager has been given responsibility for the discretionary management of the Company's assets (including uninvested cash) in accordance with the Company's investment policy, subject to the overall control and supervision of the Directors.

Details of the fees and expenses payable to the Investment Manager are set out in the section headed "Fees and expenses" below.

### **Sub-Manager**

The Investment Manager has, pursuant to the Sub-Management Agreement, delegated certain of its responsibilities and functions, including its discretionary management of the Company's portfolio of Credit Assets, to the Sub-Manager, Eaglewood Capital Management LLC. The Sub-Manager is an affiliate of the Investment Manager. The Sub-Manager is a Delaware limited liability company and is registered with the SEC as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The Sub-Manager is also responsible for managing the Eaglewood Funds in which the Group has invested.

Biographies of the key personnel of the Investment Manager and the Sub-Manager involved in the provision of services to the Company are as follows:

#### ***Simon Champ***

Simon is the Chief Executive Officer of Eaglewood Europe and the Global Head of Business Development for the MW Eaglewood group. Simon has nineteen years' experience in banking as a Director of Equity Sales and Equity Capital Markets at Dresdner Kleinwort, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and most recently Liberum. As a founder and former board Director of Liberum, Simon was part of a number of innovative transactions in the equity space and has advised many new technology companies in equity and debt raisings. Simon has been involved in the UK peer-to-peer industry as both an investor and advisor and has built extensive relationships with many of the leading peer-to-peer platforms.

#### ***Abror Ismailov***

Abror Ismailov is a Portfolio Manager at Eaglewood Europe with responsibility for managing the Company's assets. Previously Abror worked as a Director within Lazard's Structured Credit Advisory group, was a Senior Portfolio Manager for Union Investment in Frankfurt, a Portfolio Manager at Cambridge Place Investment Management and held various positions within the Global Portfolio Management Group at Deutsche Bank. In these roles, Abror has been responsible for managing over €3.5 billion of funds invested in structured credit, real estate and private equity investments.

He holds Master's degrees in Business and Finance from University of Hamburg, University of Nantes and University of Valencia and is a CFA charterholder.

#### ***Steven Lee***

Steven is the Chief Investment Officer of the MW Eaglewood group and the Sub-Manager. Prior to joining the Sub-Manager, Steven worked for Cambridge Place Investment Management, a London-based hedge fund, as the Global Head of Credit and Research. Prior to Cambridge Place Investment Management, he worked as a Director for UBS in Zürich and as a research analyst at Fidelity Investments focused on ABS and corporate debt. He has also worked for Prudential and Coopers & Lybrand. Steven has over 25 years of fixed income investment experience and has invested across several ABS sectors, both in the United States and in Europe. Steven graduated with an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago, a B.S. from Binghamton University and is a CFA charterholder.

## **Administration of the Company**

The Administrator provides the day to day administration of the Company and is also responsible for the Company's general administrative functions, such as the calculation of the Net Asset Value and maintenance of the Company's accounting records.

## **Fees and expenses**

### ***Issue expenses***

The issue expenses of the Company are those which are necessary for Admission and the Issue. These expenses include fees and commissions payable under the Placing Agreement, admission fees, printing, legal and accounting fees and any other applicable expenses which will be met by the Company and paid on or around Admission out of the gross proceeds of the Issue.

The costs and expenses of the Issue (including all fees, commissions and expenses payable to the Joint Bookrunners) will be paid by the Company out of the proceeds of the Issue (and accordingly will be borne by the holders of new C Shares only). Such costs and expenses have been capped at £5.2 million, equivalent to 1.3 per cent. of the gross proceeds of the Issue, assuming gross proceeds of £400 million are received under the Issue.

### ***On-going annual expenses***

On-going annual expenses include the following:

(i) *Investment Manager*

Under the terms of the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager is entitled to a management fee and a performance fee together with reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by it in the performance of its duties.

*Management Fee*

The management fee is payable monthly in arrears and is at the rate of 1/12 of 1.0 per cent. per month of Net Asset Value (the "Management Fee").

Where there are C Shares in issue, the Management Fee will be charged on the net assets attributable to the Ordinary Shares and the C Shares respectively.

The Management Fee is calculated and payable monthly in arrears.

To seek to avoid fee layering, if at any time the Company invests in or through any other investment fund or special purpose vehicle and a management fee or advisory fee is charged to such investment fund or special purpose vehicle by the Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager or any of their affiliates, the value of such investment will be excluded from the calculation of Net Asset Value for the purposes of determining the Management Fee.

The Investment Manager charges a fee based on a percentage of gross assets (such percentage not to exceed 1.0 per cent.) to any entity which is within the Group and which employs leverage for the purpose of its investment policy or strategy.

*Performance fee*

The Investment Manager is also entitled to a performance fee calculated by reference to the movements in the Adjusted Net Asset Value (as defined below) since the end of the Calculation Period (as defined below) in respect of which a performance fee was last earned or First Admission if no performance fee has yet been earned (the "High Water Mark").

The performance fee will be calculated in respect of each twelve month period starting on 1 January and ending on 31 December in each calendar year (a "Calculation Period"), provided that if at the end of what would otherwise be a Calculation Period no performance fee has been earned in respect of that period, the Calculation Period shall carry on for the next 12 month period and shall be deemed to be the same Calculation Period and this process shall continue until a performance fee is next earned at the end of the relevant period.

The performance fee will be a sum equal to 15 per cent. of such amount (if positive) and will only be payable if the Adjusted Net Asset Value at the end of a Calculation Period exceeds the High Water Mark. The performance fee shall be payable to the Investment Manager in arrears within 30 calendar days of the end of the relevant Calculation Period.

“Adjusted Net Value” means the Net Asset Value adjusted for: (i) any increases or decreases in Net Asset Value arising from issues or repurchases of Ordinary Shares during the relevant Calculation Period; (ii) adding back the aggregate amount of any dividends or distributions (for which no adjustment has already been made under (i)) made by the Company at any time during the relevant Calculation Period; (iii) before deduction for any accrued performance fees; and (iv) to the extent that the Company invests in any other investment fund or via any SPV or via any separate managed account arrangement which is managed or advised by the Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager or any of their affiliates (including the Eaglewood Funds), if the Investment Manager, the Sub-Manager or such affiliate is entitled to (including where it is not yet earned) receive a performance fee or performance allocation at the level of that investee entity or under such separate managed account arrangement, excluding any gain or loss attributable to those investments during the relevant Calculation Period.

The Investment Manager shall be entitled to a performance fee in respect of the net assets referable to the C Shares on the same basis as summarised above. A Calculation Period shall be deemed to end on the date of their conversion into Ordinary Shares.

(ii) *Administrator*

Under the terms of the Administration Agreement, the Administrator is entitled to an administration fee of 0.05 per cent. per annum of Net Asset Value, subject to a minimum monthly fee of £5,000 (exclusive of VAT).

(iii) *Company Secretary*

Under the terms of the Company Secretarial Agreement, Capita Company Secretarial Services Limited is entitled to an annual fee of £45,000 (exclusive of VAT and disbursements). Capita Company Secretarial Services Limited will also be entitled to receive a fee of £7,500 for its services in respect of the Issue.

(iv) *Registrar*

Under the terms of the Registrar Agreement, the Registrar is entitled to an annual maintenance fee of £1.25 per Shareholder account per annum, subject to a minimum fee of £2,500 per annum (exclusive of VAT).

(v) *Depositary*

Under the terms of the Depositary Agreement, the Depositary is entitled to be paid a fee of up to 0.025 per cent. per annum of Net Asset Value, subject to a minimum monthly fee of £3,000 (exclusive of VAT).

(vi) *Loan Administrator*

Under the terms of the Loan Administration Agreement, the Loan Administrator is entitled to receive a fee of 0.025 per cent. of Net Asset Value, subject to a minimum monthly fee of £2,000 (exclusive of VAT).

(vii) *Directors*

Each of the Directors is entitled to receive a fee from the Company at such rate as may be determined in accordance with the Articles. Save for the Chairman of the Board, the fees are £25,000 for each Director per annum. The Chairman's fee is £30,000 per annum. The Directors also receive additional fees for acting as chairmen of any board committee. The current fees for serving as the chairman of a board committee are £3,000 per annum.

All of the Directors are also entitled to be paid all reasonable expenses properly incurred by them in attending general meetings, board or committee meetings or otherwise in connection with the performance of their duties. The Board may determine that additional remuneration may be paid, from time to time, to any one or more Directors in the event such Director or Directors are requested by the Board to perform extra or special services on behalf of the Company.

(viii) *Other operational expenses*

Other on-going operational expenses (excluding fees paid to service providers as detailed above) of the Company will be borne by the Company including printing, audit, finance costs, due diligence and legal fees. All reasonable out of pocket expenses of the Investment Manager, the Administrator, the Company Secretary, the Registrar, the Depositary and its sub-custodian(s) (if any), the Loan Administrator and the Directors relating to the Company will be borne by the Company.

### **Conflicts of interest**

The Investment Manager will treat all of the Company's investors fairly and will not allow any investor to obtain preferential treatment, unless such treatment is disclosed in this Prospectus. The Investment Manager and its officers and employees may from time to time act for other clients or manage other funds, which may have similar investment objectives and policies to that of the Company. Circumstances may arise where investment opportunities will be available to the Company which are also suitable for one or more of such clients of the Investment Manager or such other funds. The Directors have satisfied themselves that the Investment Manager has procedures in place to address potential conflicts of interest and that, where a conflict arises, the Investment Manager will allocate the opportunity on a fair basis. The Investment Manager has delegated portfolio management to the Sub-Manager in accordance with the AIFM Rules. The Investment Manager does not consider that any conflicts of interest arise from such delegation.

The Investment Manager may from time to time and in its sole discretion and out of its own resources decide to rebate to some or all investors (or their agents) or to intermediaries, part or all of the Management Fee. Such arrangements may be entered into with investors who, of their own account or together with affiliated investors or investors sharing an intermediary, have or are expected at a future date to have, significant holdings in the Company.

To the extent relevant, where both the Ordinary Shares and the C Shares have cash available for investment, the allocation between the classes will be determined by the Investment Manager having regard to all relevant factors including available capital and portfolio optimisation considerations.

### **Corporate governance**

The Board of the Company has considered the principles and recommendations of the AIC Code by reference to the AIC Guide. The AIC Code, as explained by the AIC Guide, addresses all the principles set out in the UK Corporate Governance Code, as well as setting out additional principles and recommendations on issues that are of specific relevance to the Company as an investment company.

The Board considers that reporting against the principles and recommendations of the AIC Code, and by reference to the AIC Guide (which incorporates the UK Corporate Governance Code), will provide better information to Shareholders.

The UK Corporate Governance Code includes provisions relating to: the role of the chief executive; executive directors' remuneration; and the need for an internal audit function.

For the reasons set out in the AIC Guide, and as explained in the UK Corporate Governance Code, the Board considers these provisions are not relevant to the position of the Company, being an externally managed investment company, and the Company does not therefore comply with them.

The Company's Audit and Valuation Committee, which is chaired by Michael Cassidy and is comprised of the entire Board, meets at least twice a year. The Board considers that the members of the Audit and Valuation Committee have the requisite skills and experience to fulfil the responsibilities of the Audit and Valuation Committee. The Audit and Valuation Committee examines the effectiveness of the Company's control systems. It reviews and will review the half-yearly and annual reports and also receives information from the Investment Manager. It also reviews the scope, results, cost effectiveness, independence and objectivity of the external auditor and is responsible for monitoring the Company's valuation policies and methods.

In accordance with the AIC Code the Company has established a Management Engagement Committee which is chaired by Simon King and comprised of the entire Board. The Management Engagement Committee will meet at least once a year or more often if required. Its principal duties will be to consider the terms of appointment of the Investment Manager and it will annually review that appointment and the terms of the Management Agreement.

The Company has also established a Remuneration and Nominations Committee which is chaired by Stuart Cruickshank and comprised of the entire Board. The Remuneration and Nominations Committee will meet at least once a year or more often if required. Its principal duties will be to consider the framework and policy for the remuneration of the Directors and to review the structure, size and composition of the Board on an annual basis.

## PART IV

### ISSUE ARRANGEMENTS

#### Introduction

The Company is proposing to raise target gross proceeds of £400 million, before expenses, through the Placing and Intermediaries Offer of 40 million C Shares at a price of £10 per C Share. In this document, the Placing and the Intermediaries Offer are together referred to as the Issue. The Directors have reserved the right, in consultation with Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove, to increase the size of the Issue to up to 55 million C Shares if overall demand exceeds 40 million C Shares. The Issue is not being underwritten.

The aggregate proceeds of the Issue, after deduction of expenses, are expected to be approximately £396 million on the assumption that gross proceeds of £400 million are raised through the Issue.

The actual number of C Shares to be issued pursuant to the Issue is not known as at the date of this document but will be notified by the Company via an RNS announcement and the Company's website, prior to Admission.

The target Issue size should not be taken as an indication of the number of C Shares to be issued.

Applications under the Issue must be for C Shares with a minimum subscription amount of £1,000.

#### C Shares

An issue of C Shares is designed to overcome the potential disadvantages for existing holders of Ordinary Shares which could arise out of a conventional fixed price issue of further Ordinary Shares for cash. In particular:

- the C Shares will not convert into Ordinary Shares until at least 90 per cent. of the net proceeds of the C Share issue (or such other percentage as the Directors and Investment Manager shall agree) have been invested in accordance with the Company's investment policy (or, if earlier, nine months after the date of their issue);
- the assets representing the net proceeds from the issue of the C Shares will be accounted for and managed as a distinct pool of assets until the Conversion Date. By accounting for the net proceeds separately, holders of existing Ordinary Shares will not be exposed to a portfolio containing a substantial amount of uninvested cash before Conversion;
- the Net Asset Value of the existing Ordinary Shares will not be diluted by the expenses associated with the Issue, which will be borne by the subscribers for C Shares; and
- the basis upon which the C Shares will convert into Ordinary Shares is such that the number of Ordinary Shares to which holders of C Shares will become entitled will reflect the relative Net Asset Values per Share of the assets attributable to the C Shares and the Ordinary Shares. As a result, the Net Asset Value attributable to the Ordinary Shares can be expected to be unchanged by the issue and conversion of any C Shares.

The new Ordinary Shares arising on Conversion of the C Shares will rank *pari passu* with the Ordinary Shares then in issue and will have the rights set out in the Articles which are summarised in Part VII of this document.

#### Conversion of C Shares

The Existing C Shares, which are admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities, are expected to be converted, in accordance with the Articles, into Ordinary Shares on or around 22 July 2015 and, in any event, prior to the issue of any new C Shares pursuant to the Issue.

The net proceeds of the Issue and the investments made with the net proceeds will be accounted for and managed as a separate pool of assets until the date (as determined by the Directors) which is not more than 10 Business Days after the date on which at least 90 per cent. of the net proceeds (or such other percentage as the Directors and Investment Manager shall agree) has been invested in accordance with the Company's investment policy (or, if earlier, nine months after the date of issue of the C Shares). The

Conversion Ratio will then be calculated (calculated to four decimal places (with 0.00005 being rounded down)) and the C Shares in issue will convert into a number of Ordinary Shares calculated by reference to the net assets then attributable to C Shares compared to the net assets at the same time attributable to Ordinary Shares then in issue. Entitlements to Ordinary Shares will be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

The following example is provided for the purpose of illustrating the basis on which the number of new Ordinary Shares arising on Conversion will be calculated. The example is not, and is not intended to be, a profit forecast or a forecast of the number of Ordinary Shares which will arise on Conversion.

The example illustrates the number of Ordinary Shares which would arise in respect of the Conversion of 100 C Shares held at the Calculation Date, using assumed Net Asset Values attributable to the C Shares and the existing Ordinary Shares, in each case as at the Calculation Date. The assumed Net Asset Values attributable to the existing Ordinary Shares are those at the close of business on 31 May 2015, being 1001.85 pence per Ordinary Share (unaudited). The assumed Net Asset Value attributable to the C Shares is calculated on the basis that there are no returns on the net proceeds of the Issue in the expected period from Admission to the Calculation Date.

Number of C Shares subscribed	100
Amount subscribed	£1000
Net Asset Value attributable to a C Share at the Calculation Date	990.00 pence
Net Asset Value attributable to an Ordinary Share at the Calculation Date	1001.85 pence
Conversion Ratio	1.00: 0.9882
Number of new Ordinary Shares arising on Conversion	98

The detailed calculation methodology for the Conversion Ratio is set out in Part VII of this document. Pursuant to the Articles, the Directors may make such adjustments to the terms and timing of Conversion as they in their discretion consider are fair and reasonable having regard to the interests of all Shareholders. Any adjustments to the terms and timing of Conversion would be announced via a Regulatory Information Service.

## **The Placing**

Each of Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove has agreed to use its reasonable endeavours to procure subscribers pursuant to the Placing for the Placing Shares on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Placing Agreement. Details of the Placing Agreement are set out in paragraph 7.1 of Part VII of this document.

The terms and conditions which shall apply to any subscription for C Shares procured by Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove are set out in Part VIII of this document. The Placing will close at 5.00 p.m. on 23 July 2015 (or such later date, not being later than 31 August 2015, as the Company, Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove may agree). If the Placing is extended, the revised timetable will be notified through a Regulatory Information Service.

## **Conditions**

The Issue is conditional, *inter alia*, on:

- (i) the Placing Agreement becoming wholly unconditional (save as to Admission) and not having been terminated in accordance with its terms prior to Admission;
- (ii) Admission occurring by 8.00 a.m. on 28 July 2015 (or such later date, not being later than 31 August 2015, as the Company, Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove may agree); and
- (iii) Conversion of the Existing C Shares.

If the Issue does not proceed, application monies received under the Placing and Intermediaries Offer will be returned to applicants without interest at the applicants' risk.

There will be no priority given to applications under the Placing or applications under the Intermediaries Offer pursuant to the Issue.

## **Scaling back**

The Directors have reserved the right, in consultation with Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove, to increase the size of the Issue to up to 55 million C Shares if overall demand exceeds 40 million C Shares. In the event that commitments under the Placing and valid applications under the Intermediaries Offer exceed the maximum number of C Shares available, applications under the Placing and Intermediaries Offer will be scaled back at the Company's discretion (in consultation with Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Investment Manager).

## **The Placing Agreement**

The Placing Agreement contains provisions entitling Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove to terminate the Placing and the Intermediaries Offer (and the arrangements associated with them) at any time prior to Admission in certain circumstances. If this right is exercised, the Issue and these arrangements will lapse and any monies received in respect of the Issue will be returned to applicants without interest at the applicant's risk.

The Placing Agreement provides for Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove to be paid commission by the Company in respect of the C Shares to be allotted pursuant to the Issue. Any commissions received by Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove may be retained, and any C Shares subscribed for by Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove may be retained or dealt in by them for their own benefit.

Under the Placing Agreement, each of Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove is entitled at its discretion and out of its own resources at any time to rebate to some or all investors, or to other parties, part or all of its fees relating to the Placing. Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove are also entitled under the Placing Agreement to retain agents and may pay commission in respect of the Placing to any or all of those agents out of their own resources.

Further details of the terms of the Placing Agreement are set out in paragraph 7.1 of Part VII of this document.

## **General**

Pursuant to anti-money laundering laws and regulations with which the Company must comply in the UK, the Company and its agents (and their agents) or the Investment Manager may require evidence in connection with any application for C Shares, including further identification of the applicant(s), before any C Shares are issued.

## **Admission, clearing and settlement**

Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for all of the C Shares to be issued pursuant to the Issue to be admitted to the premium segment of the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such C Shares to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities. It is expected that Admission will become effective and dealings will commence on 28 July 2015.

C Shares will be issued in registered form and may be held in either certificated or uncertificated form. In the case of C Shares to be issued in uncertificated form pursuant to the Issue, these will be transferred to successful applicants through the CREST system.

Where applicable, definitive share certificates in respect of the C Shares are expected to be despatched, by post at the risk of the recipients, to the relevant holders, in the week beginning 3 August 2015. Prior to the despatch of definitive share certificates in respect of any C Shares which are held in certificated form, transfers of those C Shares will be certified against the Register. No temporary documents of title will be issued.

The ISIN number of the C Shares is GB00BYRY7J03 and the SEDOL code is BYRY7J0.

The Company does not guarantee that at any particular time market maker(s) will be willing to make a market in the Shares, nor does it guarantee the price at which a market will be made in the Shares. Accordingly, the dealing price of the Shares may not necessarily reflect changes in the Net Asset Value per Share.

## **CREST**

CREST is a paperless settlement procedure enabling securities to be evidenced otherwise than by a certificate and transferred otherwise than by written instrument. The Articles permit the holding of Shares under the CREST system. The Company has applied for the C Shares to be admitted to CREST with effect from Admission. Accordingly, settlement of transactions in the C Shares following Admission may take place within the CREST system if any Shareholder so wishes.

## **Use of proceeds**

The Directors intend to use the net proceeds of the Issue to acquire investments in accordance with the Company's investment objective and policy. The Issue is being made in order to provide investors with the opportunity to invest in a diversified portfolio of alternative finance investments and related instruments, including Credit Assets, through the medium of an investment trust.

## **Profile of typical investor**

The Issue is designed to be suitable for institutional investors and professionally-advised private investors seeking exposure to alternative finance investments and related instruments, including Credit Assets. The C Shares may also be suitable for non-advised private investors who are capable of evaluating the risks and merits of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to bear any loss which may result from such an investment. Such investors may wish to consult an independent financial adviser who specialises in advising on the acquisition of shares and other securities before investing in C Shares in the Issue.

## **Overseas Persons**

No action has been taken to permit the distribution of this document in any jurisdiction outside the United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Norway, Belgium, The Netherlands and Sweden where such action is required to be taken. This document may not therefore be used for the purpose of, and does not constitute, an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction or in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is not authorised or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation. Accordingly, no person receiving a copy of this document in any territory other than the United Kingdom or, in the case of professional investors only, in Luxembourg, Norway, Belgium, The Netherlands and Sweden, may treat the same as constituting an offer or invitation to him to acquire, subscribe for or purchase C Shares nor should he in any event acquire, subscribe for or purchase C Shares unless such an invitation, acquisition, subscription or purchase complies with any registration or other legal requirements in the relevant territory. Any person outside the United Kingdom wishing to acquire, subscribe for or purchase C Shares should satisfy himself that, in doing so, he complies with the laws of any relevant territory, and that he obtains any requisite governmental or other consents and observes any other applicable formalities.

Persons (including, without limitation, nominees and trustees) receiving this document must not distribute or send it to any US Person or in or into the United States or any other jurisdiction where to do so would or might contravene local securities laws or regulations. In particular, investors should note that the Company has not, and will not be, registered under the US Investment Company Act and the offer, issue and sale of the C Shares have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or with any securities regulatory authority of any State or other jurisdiction of the United States. The C Shares may not be offered, sold, pledged or otherwise transferred to (i) any US Person or a person acting for the account of a US Person or (ii) a Benefit Plan Investor.

The Articles contain provisions designed to restrict the holding of Shares by persons, including US Persons, where in the opinion of the Directors such a holding could cause or be likely to cause the Company some legal, regulatory, pecuniary, tax or material administrative disadvantage.

Investors should additionally consider the provisions set out under the heading "Important Notices" on page 39 of this document.

**PART V**  
**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The statutory financial statements for the Group for the year ending on 31 December 2014 (the “**2014 Annual Report and Accounts**”) were audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, whose report was unqualified and did not contain any statements under sub-sections 498(2) and 298(3) of the Act.

**1. Selected financial information**

	<i>31 December 2014 (audited) £</i>
<b>Non-current assets:</b>	
Investment assets designated as held at fair value through profit or loss	122,516,585
Loans at amortised cost	61,614,163
	183,830,748
<b>Current assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	16,166,498
Cash pledged as collateral	1,030,000
Other current assets and prepaid expenses	337,806
	17,534,304
<b>Total assets</b>	201,365,052
<b>Current liabilities</b>	
Derivative financial instruments	530,114
Investment management fees payable	108,365
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	375,428
	1,013,907
Total assets less current liabilities	200,351,145

**2. Operating and financial review**

The 2014 Annual Report and Accounts (which have been incorporated in this document by reference) included, on the pages specified in the table below, descriptions of the Group’s financial condition (in both capital and revenue terms); details of the Group’s investment activity and portfolio exposure; and changes in its financial condition for that period.

<i>Nature of information</i>	<i>Page no(s)</i>
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### 3. Documents incorporated by reference

The information set out below and relating to the Company is incorporated by reference and is available online at [www.p2pgi.com](http://www.p2pgi.com) and [www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/nsm](http://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/nsm) and is also available for inspection at the address referred to in paragraph 15 of Part VII of this document.

<i>Information incorporated by reference</i>	<i>Page references in the 2014 Annual Report and Accounts</i>
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The 2014 Annual Report and Accounts have been prepared in accordance with IFRS and the Statement of Recommended Practice, issued by the Association of Investment Companies in January 2009.

### 4. Capitalisation and indebtedness

As at the date of this document, the Company has no guaranteed, secured, unguaranteed or unsecured debt and no indirect or contingent indebtedness.

The following table, sourced from the Company's internal accounting records, shows the Company's unaudited capitalisation as at 31 May 2015:

	<i>31 May 2015 (Unaudited) £000</i>
Called up share capital	450
Share premium account	444,098

The following table shows the Company's unaudited net indebtedness as at 31 May 2015.

	<i>31 May 2015 (Unaudited) £000</i>
A. Cash	62,077
B. Cash equivalent	Nil
C. Securities	Nil
D. Liquidity (A+B+C)	62,077
E. Current financial receivables	805
F. Current bank debt	Nil
G. Current portion of non-current debt	Nil
H. Other current financial debt	Nil
I. Current financial debt (F+G+H)	Nil
J. Net current financial indebtedness (I-E-D)	Nil
K. Non-current bank loans	Nil
L. Bonds issued	Nil
M. Other non-current loans	Nil
N. Non-current financial indebtedness (K+L+M)	Nil
O. Net financial indebtedness (J+N)	Nil
P. Other current liabilities	5,949

## PART VI

### UK TAXATION

#### Introduction

The following statements do not constitute tax advice and are intended only as a general guide to current UK tax law and the current published practice of HMRC, both of which are subject to change at any time, possibly with retrospective effect. These statements may not apply to certain classes of investors who are subject to different tax rules. Such persons may include (but are not limited to) dealers in securities, insurance companies, collective investment schemes and shareholders who are exempt from UK taxation. The statements apply only to Shareholders that are resident (and in the case of individuals, domiciled) in the UK for UK tax purposes (except in so far as express reference is made to the treatment of non-UK residents), who hold Shares as an investment rather than trading stock, who are the absolute and direct beneficial owners of those Shares (otherwise than in a NISA or SIPP), and have not (and are not deemed to have) acquired their Shares by virtue of an office or employment (whether current, historic or prospective) and are not officers or employees of any member of the Group.

**All potential investors, and in particular those who are in any doubt about their tax position, or who are resident or otherwise subject to taxation in a jurisdiction outside the UK, should consult their own professional advisers on the potential tax consequences of subscribing for, purchasing, holding or disposing of Shares under the laws of their country and/or state of citizenship, domicile or residence.**

#### The Company

It is the intention of the Directors to conduct the affairs of the Company so that it continues to meet the conditions necessary for it to maintain its status as an investment trust. However, neither the Investment Manager nor the Directors can guarantee that this status will be maintained. In respect of each accounting period for which the Company continues to be approved by HMRC as an investment trust the Company will be exempt from UK corporation tax on its chargeable gains. The Company will, however, (subject to what follows) be liable to UK corporation tax on its income in the normal way.

Approved investment trusts are able to elect to take advantage of modified UK tax treatment in respect of their “qualifying interest income” for an accounting period (referred to here as the “streaming” regime). Under such treatment, the Company may (assuming it is approved as an investment trust) designate as an “interest distribution” all or part of the amount it distributes to Shareholders as dividends, to the extent that it has “qualifying interest income” for the accounting period. Were the Company to designate any dividend it pays in this manner, it would be able to deduct such interest distributions from its income in calculating its taxable profit for the relevant accounting period. It is expected that the Company will have material amounts of qualifying interest income and that it may, therefore, decide to designate some or all of the dividends paid in respect of a given accounting period as interest distributions.

In principle, the Company will be liable to UK corporation tax on its dividend income. However, there are broad-ranging exemptions from this charge which would be expected to be applicable in respect of most dividends it receives.

#### Shareholders

##### ***Taxation of dividends – individuals***

###### ***(A) Dividends which are not designated as “interest distributions”***

The following statements summarise the expected UK tax treatment for individual Shareholders who receive dividends in respect of their Shares which are not subject to the streaming regime.

The Company will not be required to withhold tax at source when paying a dividend.

An individual Shareholder who is resident in the UK for tax purposes and who receives a dividend from the Company should generally be entitled to a notional tax credit which may be set off against the Shareholder’s total income tax liability on the dividend. An individual UK resident shareholder will be

liable to income tax on the sum of the tax credit and the dividend (the “**gross dividend**”) which will be treated as the top slice of the individual’s income for UK income tax purposes. The tax credit equals 10 per cent. of the gross dividend. The tax credit therefore also equals one-ninth of the dividend received (2015/16).

A UK tax resident individual Shareholder who is liable to income tax at the basic rate will be subject to tax on the dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. (2015/16) of the gross dividend. This means that the tax credit will satisfy in full such a Shareholder’s liability to income tax on the dividend.

The rate of income tax applied to dividends received by a UK resident individual liable to income tax at the current higher rate will be 32.5 per cent. (2015/16) to the extent that such dividends, when treated as the top slice of the Shareholder’s income, fall above the threshold for current higher rate income tax and below the threshold for current additional rate income tax. To that extent, the tax credit will be set against, but will not fully match, such a Shareholder’s tax liability on the gross dividend. After taking account of the 10 per cent. tax credit, such a Shareholder will have to account for additional tax equal to 22.5 per cent. of the gross dividend, which means that the Shareholder would have an effective dividend tax rate of 25 per cent. of the dividend received.

A dividend tax rate of 37.5 per cent. (2015/16) applies to the extent that dividends, when treated as the top slice of a UK resident individual Shareholder’s income, fall above the threshold for additional rate income tax. After taking into account the 10 per cent. tax credit, such a Shareholder will have to account for additional tax equal to 27.5 per cent. of the gross dividend, which means that the Shareholder would have an effective dividend tax rate of 30.56 per cent. of the dividend received.

There will be no repayment of any part of the tax credit to an individual Shareholder whose liability to income tax on all or part of the gross dividend is less than the amount of the tax credit.

(B) *“Interest distributions”*

Should the Directors elect to apply the streaming regime to any dividends paid by the Company, a UK resident individual Shareholder in receipt of such a dividend would be treated as though they had received a payment of interest. Such a Shareholder would be subject to UK income tax at the current rates of 20 per cent., 40 per cent. or 45 per cent. (2015/16), depending on the level of the Shareholder’s income. Such distributions would generally be paid to the individual Shareholder after the deduction of 20 per cent. income tax.

An individual Shareholder who is not UK tax resident should generally be entitled to receive dividends designated as interest distributions without deduction of UK tax, provided the Company has received the necessary declarations of non-residence.

**Taxation of dividends – companies**

(A) *Dividends which are not designated as “interest distributions”*

Subject to the discussion of “interest distributions” below, Shareholders within the charge to UK corporation tax should generally be exempt from corporation tax on dividends paid by the Company in respect of their Shares provided the dividends fall within an exempt class under the distribution exemption regime and certain conditions are met.

(B) *“Interest distributions”*

If the Directors were to elect for the streaming regime to apply, and such UK resident corporate Shareholders were to receive dividends designated by the Company as interest distributions, they would be subject to corporation tax on any such amounts received.

Regardless of whether the dividends are designated as “interest distributions”, dividends paid by the Company to a Shareholder which is a company (whether or not UK resident) should not generally be subject to any deduction at source of UK tax.

**It is particularly important that prospective investors who are not resident in the UK for tax purposes obtain their own tax advice concerning tax liabilities on dividends received from the Company.**

## **Taxation of chargeable gains**

If a Shareholder sells or otherwise disposes or is deemed to dispose of his Shares he may, depending on his circumstances and subject to any available exemption or relief, incur a liability to UK capital gains tax (for individual shareholders) or corporation tax on chargeable gains (for corporate shareholders). For Shareholders within the charge to corporation tax, indexation allowance may be available to reduce any such gain (but not to create or increase an allowable loss). No indexation allowance will be available to individual Shareholders. However, each individual has an annual exemption, such that capital gains tax is chargeable only on gains arising from all sources during the tax year in excess of the exempt amount. The annual exemption is £11,100 for the tax year 2015/16.

Shareholders who are individuals and who are temporarily non-resident in the UK may also, in certain circumstances, be liable to UK tax on capital gains realised (subject to any available exemption or relief).

A Conversion of C Shares into new Ordinary Shares should, for the purposes of UK taxation of chargeable gains (or capital gains tax, for an individual shareholder), generally be treated as a reorganisation of the share capital of the Company. To the extent this treatment applies, the new Ordinary Shares will be treated as the same asset as the Shareholder's holding of C Shares and as having been acquired at the same time that the Shareholder's holding of C Shares was acquired. To that extent, the Conversion should not be treated as giving rise to a disposal of the Shareholder's holding of the C Shares and the base cost of each Ordinary Share under the Conversion will be treated as the base cost of the C Share that it replaces.

## **NISAs and SIPPs**

With effect from 1 July 2015, Shares should qualify as investments which are eligible for inclusion in a NISA. This will include Shares acquired in the market or pursuant to the Intermediaries Offer (on the basis that the Intermediaries Offer will be open to the public). It should be noted, however, that Shares acquired directly through the Placing would not be eligible for inclusion in an ISA.

## **Individuals wishing to invest in Shares through an ISA should contact their professional advisers regarding their eligibility.**

The Directors have been advised that the Shares should also be eligible for inclusion in a SIPP, subject to the discretion of the trustees of the SIPP.

## **Stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax**

Transfers on sale of Shares outside of CREST will generally be subject to UK stamp duty at the rate of 0.5 per cent. of the consideration given for the transfer, rounded up to the nearest £5. The purchaser normally pays the stamp duty. However, where the consideration for the transfer is £1,000 or less (and the instrument of transfer contains a statement that the transaction effected by the instrument does not form part of a larger transaction or series of transactions for which the aggregate consideration exceeds £1,000) no stamp duty will be payable.

An agreement to transfer Shares will normally give rise to a charge to stamp duty reserve tax ("SDRT") at the rate of 0.5 per cent. of the amount or value of the consideration payable for the transfer. If a duly stamped transfer in respect of the agreement is produced within six years of the date on which the agreement is made (or, if the agreement is conditional, the date on which the agreement becomes unconditional) any SDRT paid is repayable, generally with interest, and otherwise the SDRT charge is cancelled. SDRT is, in general, payable by the purchaser.

Paperless transfers of Shares within the CREST system will generally be liable to SDRT, rather than stamp duty, at the rate of 0.5 per cent. of the amount or value of the consideration payable. Such SDRT will generally be collected through the CREST system. Deposits of Shares into CREST will not generally be subject to SDRT, unless the transfer into CREST is itself for consideration.

The issue of C Shares pursuant to the Issue should not generally be subject to UK stamp duty or SDRT.

The above statements are intended as a general guide to the current stamp duty and SDRT position. Certain categories of person, including market makers, brokers and dealers may not be liable to stamp duty or SDRT and others (including persons connected with depositary arrangements and clearance services), may

be liable at a higher rate of 1.5 per cent. or may, although not primarily liable for tax, be required to notify and account for it under the Stamp Duty Reserve Tax Regulations 1986.

### **Information reporting**

The UK has entered into international agreements with a number of jurisdictions which provide for the exchange of information in order to combat tax evasion and improve tax compliance. These include, but are not limited to, FATCA. In connection with such international agreements the Company may, among other things, be required to collect and report to HMRC certain information regarding Shareholders and other account holders of the Company and HMRC may pass this information on to tax authorities in other jurisdictions in accordance with the relevant international agreements.

## PART VII

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### 1. The Company and the Investment Manager

- 1.1 The Company was incorporated in England and Wales as a public limited company on 6 December 2013. The Company is registered as an investment company under section 833 of the Act with registered number 8805459. The Company is domiciled in England and Wales and currently has no employees.
- 1.2 The Company is the holding company of a group consisting of the Company and Eaglewood SPV I LP, a Delaware limited partnership and P2PCL1 PLC, a limited liability company incorporated in England and Wales. The Company holds all of the limited partnership interests in Eaglewood SPV I LP and one Class A Share in P2PCL1 PLC. The principal activity of the Company and the Group is to invest in alternative finance investments and related instruments, including P2P loans, with a view to achieving the Company's investment objective.
- 1.3 The Company operates under the Act and is not regulated as a collective investment scheme by the FCA. Its registered office and principal place of business is 1st Floor, 40 Dukes Place, London EC3A 7NH, United Kingdom. The Company's telephone number is +44 (0)20 7954 9796.
- 1.4 As a Company with its shares admitted to the premium segment of the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities, the Company is subject to the Listing Rules, the Prospectus Rules and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules and to the rules of the London Stock Exchange.
- 1.5 The Company intends at all times to conduct its affairs so as to enable it to qualify as an investment trust for the purposes of section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and the Investment Trust (Approved Company) (Tax) Regulations 2011. In summary, the conditions that must be met for approval by HMRC for any given accounting period as an investment trust are that:
  - the Company is not a close company at any time during the accounting period for which approval is sought;
  - the Company invests its funds in assets with the aim of spreading investment risk and giving the Shareholders the benefit of the results of the management of the Company's funds;
  - the Company is not a venture capital trust (within the meaning of Part 6 of the Income Tax Act 2007) or a UK REIT (within the meaning of Part 12 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010);
  - the Company is resident in the UK throughout that accounting period;
  - the Company's ordinary share capital is included in the Official List throughout the accounting period; and
  - the Company must not retain in respect of the accounting period an amount greater than the higher of: (a) 15 per cent. of its income for the period; and (b) the amount of any income which the Company is required to retain in respect of the period by virtue of a restriction imposed by law. However, where the Company has relevant accumulated losses brought forward from previous accounting periods of an amount equal to or greater than the higher of the amounts mentioned in (a) and (b) above, it may retain an amount equal to the amount of such losses.
- 1.6 The Investment Manager is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales with number OC388668. The Investment Manager is authorised and regulated by the FCA. The address of the registered office of the Investment Manager is 13th Floor, The Adelphi Building, 1 11 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6HT and its telephone number is +44 20 7925 4865. Eaglewood Europe LLP, as the Company's AIFM, will cover potential professional liability risks resulting from its activities as AIFM by holding professional indemnity insurance against liability arising from professional negligence which is appropriate to the risks covered, in accordance with the AIFM Rules.

## 2. Share Capital

2.1 On incorporation, the issued share capital of the Company was £0.01 represented by one Ordinary Share, held by the subscriber to the Company's memorandum of association. On 25 April 2014, 50,000 redeemable preference shares were allotted to MW Eaglewood against its irrevocable undertaking to pay £1 in cash for each such share on or before the date of First Admission. The redeemable preference shares were paid up in full on First Admission and redeemed in full out of the proceeds of the First Placing and Offer, pursuant to which 20,000,000 Ordinary Shares were issued. The Company issued 25,000,000 C Shares pursuant to the First C Share Placing and Offer in January 2015 and 1,999,999 new Ordinary Shares in June 2015 pursuant to the Tap Issue.

2.2 Set out below is the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this document:

	<i>Nominal Value (£)</i>	<i>Number</i>
Ordinary Shares	219,999	21,999,999
Existing C Shares	2,500,000	25,000,000

2.3 The Existing C Shares are expected to convert, in accordance with the Articles, into Ordinary Shares on or around 22 July 2015 and, in any event, prior to the issue of any new C Shares pursuant to the Issue. As the number of Ordinary Shares into which the Existing C Shares will convert will be based on their relative Net Asset Values at the Calculation Date, the number of Ordinary Shares into which the Existing Shares will convert is not yet known and therefore the number of Ordinary Shares that will be in issue following the Placing and Offer is not yet known. Assuming the Issue is subscribed as to £400 million, there will be 40 million C Shares in issue following the Placing and Offer.

The Ordinary Shares and the Existing C Shares are fully paid up. All of the new C Shares will be fully paid up.

2.4 By ordinary and special resolutions passed on 15 June 2015:

- (A) the Directors were generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with section 551 of the Act to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot Ordinary Shares up to an aggregate nominal amount of £20,000, such authority to expire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2016, save that the Company may, at any time prior to the expiry of such authority, make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require the allotment of shares in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired. This authority was fully utilised in connection with the Tap Issue;
- (B) the Directors were empowered (pursuant to sections 570 and 573 of the Act) to allot Ordinary Shares and to sell Ordinary Shares from treasury for cash pursuant to the authority referred to in paragraph 2.4(A) above as if section 561 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment or sale, such power to expire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2016, save that the Company may, at any time prior to the expiry of such power, make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted or sold from treasury after the expiry of such power, and the Directors may allot or sell from treasury equity securities in pursuance of such an offer or an agreement as if such power had not expired;
- (C) the Directors were generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with section 551 of the Act to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot 200 million C Shares, such authority to expire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2016, save that the Company may, at any time prior to the expiry of such authority, make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require the allotment of shares in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired;
- (D) the Directors were empowered (pursuant to section 570 of the Act) to allot C Shares pursuant to the authority referred to in paragraph 2.4(C) above as if section 561 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment, such power to expire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2016, save that the Company may, at any time prior to the expiry of such power, make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after the expiry of such power, and the Directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of such an offer or an agreement as if such power had not expired;

- (E) the Company was authorised in accordance with section 701 of the Act to make market purchases (within the meaning of section 693(4) of the Act) of Ordinary Shares, provided that the maximum number of Ordinary Shares authorised to be purchased is 2,998,000. The minimum price which may be paid for an Ordinary Share is £0.01. The maximum price which may be paid for an Ordinary Share must not be more than the higher of (i) 5 per cent. above the average of the mid-market values of the Ordinary Shares for the five Business Days before the purchase is made or (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid for the Ordinary Shares. Such authority will expire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2016, save that the Company may contract to purchase its Ordinary Shares under the authority hereby conferred prior to the expiry of such authority, which contract will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiry of such authority and may purchase its Ordinary Shares in pursuance of such contract; and
- (F) the Company resolved that, conditional upon Admission and the approval of the Court, the amount standing to the credit of the share premium account of the Company immediately following the Issue be cancelled.
- 2.5 In accordance with the authority referred to in paragraph 2.4(C) above, it is expected that the C Shares to be issued pursuant to the Issue will be allotted pursuant to a resolution of the Board to be passed shortly before, and conditional upon, Admission.
- 2.6 The provisions of section 561 of the Act (which, to the extent not disapplied pursuant to section 570 of the Act, confer on Shareholders rights of pre-emption in respect of the allotment or sale of equity securities for cash) shall apply to any unissued share capital of the Company, except to the extent disapplied by the resolutions referred to in paragraphs 2.4(B) and 2.4(D) above.
- 2.7 Save as disclosed in this paragraph 2, since the date of its incorporation (i) there has been no alteration in the share capital of the Company, (ii) no share or loan capital of the Company has been issued or agreed to be issued, or is now proposed to be issued for cash or any other consideration and (iii) no commissions, discounts, brokerages or other special terms have been granted by the Company in connection with the issue or sale of any such capital and no share or loan capital of the Company is under option or agreed, conditionally or unconditionally, to be put under option.
- 2.8 The C Shares will be in registered form. Temporary documents of title will not be issued.

### **3. Articles of Association**

A summary of the main provisions of the Articles is set out below.

#### **3.1 Objects**

The Articles do not provide for any objects of the Company and accordingly the Company's objects are unrestricted.

#### **3.2 Variation of rights**

Subject to the provisions of the Act as amended and every other statute for the time being in force concerning companies and affecting the Company (the "Statutes"), if at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, the rights attached to any class may be varied either with the consent in writing of the holders of three-quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of that class or with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the shares of that class (but not otherwise) and may be so varied either whilst the Company is a going concern or during or in contemplation of a winding-up. At every such separate general meeting the necessary quorum shall be at least two persons holding or representing by proxy at least one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of the class in question (but at any adjourned meeting any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum), any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy may demand a poll and every such holder shall on a poll have one vote for every share of the class held by him. Where the rights of some only of the shares of any class are to be varied, the foregoing provisions apply as if each group of shares of the class differently treated formed a separate class whose rights are to be varied.

### 3.3 **Alteration of share capital**

The Company may by ordinary resolution:

- (a) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger nominal value than its existing shares;
- (b) sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of smaller nominal value than its existing shares; and
- (c) determine that, as between the shares resulting from such a sub-division, one or more shares may, as compared with the others, have any such preferred, deferred or other rights or be subject to any such restrictions as the Company has power to attach to unissued or new shares.

### 3.4 **Issue of shares**

Subject to the provisions of the Act and without prejudice to any rights attaching to any existing shares, any share may be issued with such rights or restrictions as the Company may by ordinary resolution determine (or if the Company has not so determined, as the Directors may determine).

### 3.5 **Dividends**

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends in accordance with the respective rights of the shareholders but no dividends shall exceed the amount recommended by the Directors. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Directors may pay interim dividends, or dividends payable at a fixed rate, if it appears to them that they are justified by the profits of the Company available for distribution. If the Directors act in good faith they shall not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non-preferred rights.

Subject to the rights of persons (if any) entitled to shares with special rights as to dividend, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares on which the dividend is paid. If any share is issued on terms that it ranks for dividend as from a particular date, it shall rank for dividend accordingly. In any other case, dividends shall be apportioned and paid proportionately to the amount paid up on the shares during any portion(s) of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid.

### 3.6 **Voting rights**

Subject to any rights or restrictions attached to any shares, on a show of hands every shareholder present in person has one vote and every proxy present who has been duly appointed by a shareholder entitled to vote has one vote, and on a poll every shareholder (whether present in person or by proxy) has one vote for every share of which he is the holder. A shareholder entitled to more than one vote need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses the same way. In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote shall be accepted to the exclusion of the vote of the other joint holders, and seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the holders stand in the Register.

No shareholder shall have any right to vote at any general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares, either in person or by proxy, in respect of any share held by him unless all amounts presently payable by him in respect of that share have been paid.

### 3.7 **Transfer of shares**

A share in certificated form may be transferred by an instrument of transfer, which may be in any usual form or in any other form approved by the Directors, executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, where the share is not fully paid, by or on behalf of the transferee. A share in uncertificated form may be transferred by means of the relevant electronic system concerned.

In their absolute discretion, the Directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share in certificated form which is not fully paid provided that if the share is listed on the Official List such refusal does not prevent dealings in the shares from taking place on an open and proper basis. The Directors may also refuse to register a transfer of a share in certificated form unless the instrument of transfer:

- is lodged, duly stamped, at the registered office of the Company or such other place as the Directors may appoint and is accompanied by the certificate for the share to which it relates and

such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;

- is in respect of only one class of share; and
- is not in favour of more than four transferees.

The Directors may refuse to register a transfer of a share in uncertificated form in any case where the Company is entitled to refuse to register the transfer under the CREST Regulations provided that such refusal does not prevent dealings in the shares from taking place on an open and proper basis.

If the Directors refuse to register a transfer of a share, they shall within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company or, in the case of an uncertificated share, the date on which the appropriate instruction was received by or on behalf of the Company in accordance with the CREST Regulations send to the transferee notice of refusal.

No fee shall be charged for the registration of any instrument of transfer or other document or instruction relating to or affecting the title to any share.

If at any time the holding or beneficial ownership of any shares in the Company by any person (whether on its own or taken with other shares), in the opinion of the Directors: (i) would cause the assets of the Company to be treated as “plan assets” of any Benefit Plan Investor; (ii) would or might result in the Company and/or its shares and/or any of its appointed investment managers or investment advisers being required to be registered or qualified under the US Investment Company Act and/or the US Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and/or the US Securities Act of 1933 and/or the US Exchange Act of 1934 and/or any similar legislation (in any jurisdiction) that regulates the offering and sale of securities; (iii) may cause the Company not to be considered a “Foreign Private Issuer” under the US Exchange Act of 1934; (iv) may cause the Company to be a “controlled foreign corporation” for the purpose of the US Code; or (v) may cause the Company to become subject to any withholding tax or reporting obligation under FATCA or any similar legislation in any territory or jurisdiction, or to be unable to avoid or reduce any such tax or to be unable to comply with any such reporting obligation (including by reason of the failure of the shareholder concerned to provide promptly to the Company such information and documentation as the Company may have requested to enable the Company to avoid or minimise such withholding tax or to comply with such reporting obligation), then the Directors may declare the Shareholder in question a “Non-Qualified Holder” and the Directors may require that any shares held by such Shareholder (“Prohibited Shares”) shall (unless the Shareholder concerned satisfies the Directors that he is not a Non-Qualified Holder) be transferred to another person who is not a Non-Qualified Holder, failing which the Company may itself dispose of such Prohibited Shares at the best price reasonably obtainable and pay the net proceeds to the former holder.

### **3.8 *Distribution of assets on a winding-up***

If the Company is wound up, with the sanction of a special resolution and any other sanction required by law and subject to the Act, the liquidator may divide among the shareholders in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and for that purpose may value any assets and determine how the division shall be carried out as between the shareholders or different classes of shareholders. With the like sanction, the liquidator may vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the shareholders as he may with the like sanction determine, but no shareholder shall be compelled to accept any shares or other securities upon which there is a liability.

### **3.9 *Restrictions on rights: failure to respond to a section 793 notice***

If a shareholder, or any other person appearing to be interested in shares held by that shareholder, fails to provide the information requested in a notice given to him under section 793 of the Act by the Company in relation his interest in shares (the “default shares”) within 28 days of the notice (or, where the default shares represent at least 0.25 per cent. of their class, 14 days of the notice), sanctions shall apply unless the Directors determine otherwise. The sanctions available are the suspension of the right to attend or vote (whether in person or by representative or proxy) at any general meeting or any separate meeting of the holders of any class or on any poll and, where the default shares represent at least 0.25 per cent. of their class (excluding treasury shares), the withholding of any dividend payable in respect of those shares and the restriction of the transfer of those shares (subject to certain exceptions).

### 3.10 **Untraced shareholders**

Subject to various notice requirements, the Company may sell any of a shareholder's shares if, during a period of 12 years, at least three dividends (either interim or final) on such shares have become payable and no cheque for amounts payable in respect of such shares has been presented and no warrant or other method of payment has been effected and no communication has been received by the Company from the shareholder or person concerned.

### 3.11 **Appointment of Directors**

Unless the Company determines otherwise by ordinary resolution, the number of Directors (other than alternate Directors) shall not be subject to any maximum but shall not be less than two.

Subject to the Articles, the Company may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act as, and is permitted by law to do so, to be a Director either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Director. The Directors may appoint a person who is willing to act, and is permitted by law to do so, to be a Director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Director. A person appointed as a Director by the other Directors is required to retire at the Company's next annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for reappointment.

### 3.12 **Powers of Directors**

The business of the Company shall be managed by the Directors who, subject to the provisions of the Articles and to any directions given by special resolution to take, or refrain from taking, specified action, may exercise all the powers of the Company.

Any Director may appoint any other Director, or any other person approved by resolution of the Directors and willing to act and permitted by law to do so, to be an alternate Director.

### 3.13 **Voting at board meetings**

No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Directors unless a quorum is present and the quorum may be fixed by the Directors; unless so fixed at any other number the quorum shall be two. A Director shall not be counted in the quorum present in relation to a matter or resolution on which he is not entitled to vote but shall be counted in the quorum present in relation to all other matters or resolutions considered or voted on at the meeting. An alternate Director who is not himself a Director shall, if his appointor is not present, be counted in the quorum.

Questions arising at a meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

### 3.14 **Restrictions on voting**

Subject to any other provision of the Articles, a Director shall not vote at a meeting of the Directors on any resolution concerning a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, a material interest (other than an interest in shares, debentures or other securities of, or otherwise in or through, the Company) unless his interest arises only because the case falls within certain limited categories specified in the Articles.

### 3.15 **Directors' interests**

Subject to the provisions of the Act and provided that the Director has disclosed to the other Directors the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a Director, notwithstanding his office, may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested and may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate in which the Company is interested.

### 3.16 **Indemnity**

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may indemnify any person who is a Director, secretary or other officer of the Company, against (a) any liability whether in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him in relation to the Company or any associated company or (b) any other liability incurred by or attaching to him in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties and/or the exercise or purported exercise of his powers and/or otherwise in relation to or in connection with his duties, powers or office; and purchase and maintain

insurance for any person who is a Director, secretary, or other officer or auditor of the Company in relation to anything done or omitted to be done or alleged to have been done or omitted to be done as Director, secretary, officer or auditor.

### 3.17 **General meetings**

In the case of the annual general meeting, twenty-one clear days' notice at the least shall be given to all the members and to the auditors. All other general meetings shall also be convened by not less than twenty-one clear days' notice to all those members and to the auditors unless the Company offers members an electronic voting facility and a special resolution reducing the period of notice to not less than fourteen clear days has been passed in which case a general meeting may be convened by not less than fourteen clear days' notice in writing.

No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. Two persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted, each being a shareholder or a proxy for a shareholder or a duly authorised representative of a corporation which is a shareholder (including for this purpose two persons who are proxies or corporate representatives of the same shareholder), shall be a quorum.

A shareholder is entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to exercise all or any of his rights to attend and to speak and vote at a meeting of the Company. A shareholder may appoint more than one proxy in relation to a meeting, provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by him. Subject to the provisions of the Act, any corporation (other than the Company itself) which is a shareholder may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body, authorise such person(s) to act as its representative(s) at any meeting of the Company, or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares.

Delivery of an appointment of proxy shall not preclude a shareholder from attending and voting at the meeting or at any adjournment of it.

Directors may attend and speak at general meetings and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares, whether or not they are shareholders.

A poll on a resolution may be demanded at a general meeting either before a vote on a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared. A poll may be demanded by the Chairman or by: (a) not less than two members having the right to vote at the meeting; or (b) a member or members representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting; or (c) a member or members holding shares conferring a right to vote at the meeting, being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all the shares conferring that right.

### 3.18 **C Shares and Deferred Shares**

The rights and restrictions attaching to the C Shares and the Deferred Shares arising on their conversion are summarised below.

(l) The following definitions apply for the purposes of this paragraph 3.18 only:

**Calculation Date** means the earliest of the:

- (i) close of business on the date to be determined by the Directors occurring not more than 10 Business Days after the day on which the Investment Manager shall have given notice to the Directors that at least 90 per cent. of the Net Proceeds (or such other percentage as the Directors and Investment Manager shall agree) shall have been invested; or
- (ii) close of business on the date falling nine calendar months after the allotment of the C Shares or if such a date is not a Business Day the next following Business Day; or
- (iii) close of business on the day on which the Directors resolve that Force Majeure Circumstances have arisen or are imminent;

**Conversion** means conversion of the C Shares into Ordinary Shares and Deferred Shares in accordance with paragraph (VIII) below;

**Conversion Date** means the close of business on such Business Day as may be selected by the Directors falling not more than 10 Business Days after the Calculation Date;

**Conversion Ratio** is the ratio of the net asset value per C Share to the net asset value per Ordinary Share, which is calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Conversion Ratio} &= \frac{A}{B} \\ A &= \frac{C - D}{E} \\ B &= \frac{F - C - G + D}{H}\end{aligned}$$

Where:

**C** is the aggregate of:

- (a) the value of the investments of the Company attributable to the C Shares calculated by reference to the Directors' belief as to an appropriate current value for those investments on the Calculation Date after taking into account any price publication services reasonably available to the Directors; and
- (b) the amount which, in the Directors' opinion, fairly reflects, on the Calculation Date, the value of the current assets of the Company attributable to the C Shares (excluding the investments valued under (a) above but including cash and deposits with or balances at a bank and including any accrued income less accrued expenses and other items of a revenue nature);

**D** is the amount (to the extent not otherwise deducted from the assets attributable to the C Shares) which, in the Directors' opinion, fairly reflects the amount of the liabilities of the Company attributable to the C Shares on the Calculation Date;

**E** is the number of C Shares in issue on the Calculation Date;

**F** is the aggregate of:

- (a) the value of all the investments of the Company calculated by reference to the Directors' belief as to an appropriate current value for those investments on the Calculation Date after taking into account any price publication services reasonably available to the Directors; and
- (b) the amount which, in the Directors' opinion, fairly reflects, on the Calculation Date, the value of the current assets of the Company (excluding the investments valued under (a) above but including cash and deposits with or balances at a bank and including any accrued income less accrued expenses and other items of a revenue nature);

**G** is the amount (to the extent not otherwise deducted in the calculation of F) which, in the Directors' opinion, fairly reflects the amount of the liabilities of the Company on the Calculation Date; and

**H** is the number of Ordinary Shares in issue on the Calculation Date (excluding any Ordinary Shares held in treasury),

provided that the Directors shall make such adjustments to the value or amount of A and B as the Auditors shall report to be appropriate having regard among other things, to the assets of the Company immediately prior to the date on which the Company first receives the Net Proceeds relating to the C Shares and/or to the reasons for the issue of the C Shares;

**Deferred Shares** means deferred shares of 1 pence each in the capital of the Company arising on Conversion;

**Existing Ordinary Shares** means the Ordinary Shares in issue immediately prior to Conversion;

**Force Majeure Circumstances** means (i) any political and/or economic circumstances and/or actual or anticipated changes in fiscal or other legislation which, in the reasonable opinion of the Directors, renders Conversion necessary or desirable; (ii) the issue of any proceedings challenging, or seeking to challenge, the power of the Company and/or its Directors to issue the C Shares with the rights proposed to be attached to them and/or to the persons to whom they are, and/or the terms upon which they are proposed to be issued; or (iii) the giving of notice of any general

meeting of the Company at which a resolution is to be proposed to wind up the Company, whichever shall happen earliest; and

**Net Proceeds** means the net cash proceeds of the issue of the C Shares (after deduction of those commissions and expenses relating thereto and payable by the Company).

References to the Auditors confirming any matter should be construed to mean confirmation of their opinion as to such matter whether qualified or not.

References to ordinary shareholders, C shareholders and deferred shareholders should be construed as references to holders for the time being of Ordinary Shares, C Shares and Deferred Shares respectively.

- (II) The holders of the Ordinary Shares, the C Shares and the Deferred Shares shall, subject to the provisions of the Articles, have the following rights to be paid dividends:
- (a) the Deferred Shares (to the extent that any are in issue and extant) shall entitle the holders thereof to a non-cumulative dividend at a fixed rate of one per cent. of the nominal amount thereof (the "Deferred Dividend") on the date six months after the Conversion Date on which such Deferred Shares were created in accordance with paragraph (VIII) (the "Relevant Conversion Date") and on each anniversary of such date payable to the holders thereof on the register of members on that date as holders of Deferred Shares but shall confer no other right, save as provided herein, on the holders thereof to share in the profits of the Company. The Deferred Dividend shall not accrue or become payable in any way until the date six months after the Conversion Date and shall then only be payable to those holders of Deferred Shares registered in the register of members of the Company as holders of Deferred Shares on that date. It should be noted that given the proposed repurchase of the Deferred Shares as described below, it is not expected that any dividends will accrue or be paid on such shares;
  - (b) the C Shareholders shall be entitled to receive in that capacity such dividends as the Directors may resolve to pay out of net assets attributable to the C Shares and from income received and accrued which is attributable to the C Shares;
  - (c) the Existing Ordinary Shares shall confer the right to dividends declared in accordance with the Articles;
  - (d) the Ordinary Shares into which C Shares shall convert shall rank *pari passu* with the Existing Ordinary Shares for dividends and other distributions made or declared by reference to a record date falling after the Calculation Date; and
  - (e) no dividend or other distribution shall be made or paid by the Company on any of its shares (other than any Deferred Shares for the time being in issue) between the Calculation Date and the Conversion Date relating (both dates inclusive) and no such dividend shall be declared with a record date falling between the Calculation Date and the Conversion Date (both dates inclusive).
- (III) The holders of the Ordinary Shares, the C Shares and the Deferred Shares shall, subject to the provisions of the Articles, have the following rights as to capital:
- (a) the surplus capital and assets of the Company shall on a winding-up or on a return of capital (otherwise than on a purchase by the Company of any of its shares) at a time when any C Shares are for the time being in issue and prior to the Conversion Date be applied amongst the holders of the Existing Ordinary Shares *pro rata* according to the nominal capital paid up on their holdings of Existing Ordinary Shares, after having deducted therefrom an amount equivalent to (C-D) using the methods of calculation of C and D given in the definition of Conversion Ratio, which amount shall be applied amongst the C shareholders *pro rata* according to the nominal capital paid up on their holdings of C Shares. For the purposes of this paragraph (III)(a) the Calculation Date shall be such date as the liquidator may determine; and
  - (b) the surplus capital and assets of the Company shall on a winding-up or on a return of capital (otherwise than on a purchase by the Company of any of its shares) at a time when no C Shares are for the time being in issue be applied as follows:

- (i) first, if there are Deferred Shares in issue, in paying to the deferred shareholders one pence in aggregate in respect of every one million Deferred Shares (or part thereof) of which they are respectively the holders; and
  - (ii) secondly, the surplus shall be divided amongst the ordinary shareholders *pro rata* according to the nominal capital paid up on their holdings of Ordinary Shares.
- (IV) As regards voting:
  - (a) the C Shares shall carry the right to receive notice of and to attend and vote at any general meeting of the Company. The voting rights of holders of C Shares will be the same as that applying to holders of Existing Ordinary Shares as set out in the Articles as if the C Shares and Existing Ordinary Shares were a single class; and
  - (b) the Deferred Shares shall not carry any right to receive notice of nor to attend or vote at any general meeting of the Company.
- (V) The following shall apply to the Deferred Shares:
  - (a) the C Shares shall be issued on such terms that the Deferred Shares arising upon Conversion (but not the Ordinary Shares arising on Conversion) may be repurchased by the Company in accordance with the terms set out herein;
  - (b) immediately upon Conversion, the Company shall repurchase all of the Deferred Shares which arise as a result of Conversion for an aggregate consideration of one pence for every 1,000,000 Deferred Shares and the notice referred to in paragraph (VIII)(b) below shall be deemed to constitute notice to each C Shareholder (and any person or persons having rights to acquire or acquiring C Shares on or after the Calculation Date) that the Deferred Shares shall be repurchased immediately upon Conversion for an aggregate consideration of one pence for each holding of 1,000,000 Deferred Shares. On repurchase, each Deferred Share shall be treated as cancelled in accordance with section 706 of the Act without further resolution or consent; and
  - (c) the Company shall not be obliged to: (i) issue share certificates to the deferred shareholders in respect of the Deferred Shares; or (ii) account to any deferred shareholder for the repurchase moneys in respect of such Deferred Shares.
- (VI) Without prejudice to the generality of the Articles, for so long as any C Shares are for the time being in issue it shall be a special right attaching to the Existing Ordinary Shares as a class and to the C Shares as a separate class that without the sanction or consent of such holders given in accordance with the Company's Articles:
  - (a) no alteration shall be made to the Articles of the Company;
  - (b) no allotment or issue will be made of any security convertible into or carrying a right to subscribe for any share capital of the Company other than the allotment or issue of further C Shares; and
  - (c) no resolution of the Company shall be passed to wind-up the Company.

For the avoidance of doubt but subject to the rights or privileges attached to any other class of shares, the previous sanction of a special resolution of the holders of Existing Ordinary Shares and C Shares, as described above, shall not be required in respect of:

  - (i) the issue of further Ordinary Shares ranking *pari passu* in all respects with the Existing Ordinary Shares (otherwise than in respect of any dividend or other distribution declared, paid or made on the Existing Ordinary Shares by the issue of such further Ordinary Shares); or
  - (ii) the sale of any shares held as treasury shares (as such term is defined in section 724 of the Act) in accordance with sections 727 and 731 of the Act or the purchase or redemption of any shares by the Company (whether or not such shares are to be held in treasury).
- (VII) For so long as any C Shares are for the time being in issue, until Conversion of such C Shares and without prejudice to its obligations under applicable laws the Company shall:

- (a) procure that the Company's records, and bank and custody accounts shall be operated so that the assets attributable to the C Shares can, at all times, be separately identified and, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Company shall, without prejudice to any obligations pursuant to applicable laws, procure that separate cash accounts, broker settlement accounts and investment ledger accounts shall be created and maintained in the books of the Company for the assets attributable to the C Shares;
  - (b) allocate to the assets attributable to the C Shares such proportion of the income, expenses and liabilities of the Company incurred or accrued between the date on which the Company first receives the Net Proceeds and the Calculation Date relating to such C Shares (both dates inclusive) as the Directors fairly consider to be attributable to the C Shares; and
  - (c) give appropriate instructions to the Investment Manager to manage the Company's assets so that such undertakings can be complied with by the Company.
- (VIII) The C Shares for the time being in issue shall be sub-divided and converted into Ordinary Shares and Deferred Shares on the Conversion Date in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph (VIII):
- (a) the Directors shall procure that within 10 Business Days of the Calculation Date:
    - (i) the Conversion Ratio as at the Calculation Date and the numbers of Ordinary Shares and Deferred Shares to which each C Shareholder shall be entitled on Conversion shall be calculated; and
    - (ii) the Auditors shall be requested to confirm that such calculations as have been made by the Company have, in their opinion, been performed in accordance with the Articles and are arithmetically accurate whereupon such calculations shall become final and binding on the Company and all holders of the Company's shares and any other securities issued by the Company which are convertible into the Company's shares, subject to the proviso immediately after the definition of H in paragraph (I) above.
  - (b) The Directors shall procure that, as soon as practicable following such confirmation and in any event within 10 Business Days of the Calculation Date, a notice is sent to each C shareholder advising such ordinary shareholder of the Conversion Date, the Conversion Ratio and the numbers of Ordinary Shares and Deferred Shares to which such C shareholder will be entitled on Conversion.
  - (c) On conversion each C Share shall automatically subdivide into 10 conversion shares of 1p each and such conversion shares of 1p each shall automatically convert into such number of Ordinary Shares and Deferred Shares as shall be necessary to ensure that, upon such Conversion being completed:
    - (i) the aggregate number of Ordinary Shares into which the same number of conversion shares of 1p each are converted equals the number of C Shares in issue on the Calculation Date multiplied by the Conversion Ratio (rounded down to the nearest whole Ordinary Share); and
    - (ii) each conversion share of 1p which does not so convert into an Ordinary Share shall convert into one Deferred Share.
  - (d) The Ordinary Shares and Deferred Shares arising upon Conversion shall be divided amongst the former C shareholders *pro rata* according to their respective former holdings of C Shares (provided always that the Directors may deal in such manner as they think fit with fractional entitlements to Ordinary Shares and Deferred Shares arising upon Conversion including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, selling any Ordinary Shares representing such fractional entitlements and retaining the proceeds for the benefit of the Company).
  - (e) Forthwith upon Conversion, the share certificates relating to the C Shares shall be cancelled and the Company shall issue to each former C Shareholder new certificates in respect of the Ordinary Shares which have arisen upon Conversion to which he or she is entitled. Share certificates in respect of the Deferred Shares will not be issued.
  - (f) The Directors may make such adjustments to the terms and timing of Conversion as they in their discretion consider are fair and reasonable having regard to the interests of all Shareholders.

### 3.19 **Life**

The Articles contain a provision requiring the Directors to propose an ordinary resolution for the continuation of the Company as an investment company at the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2021 and, if passed, every five years thereafter. Upon any such resolution not being passed, proposals will be put forward by the Directors to the effect that the Company be wound up, liquidated, reconstructed or unitised.

## 4. **City Code on Takeovers and Mergers**

### 4.1 **Mandatory bid**

The Takeover Code applies to the Company. Under Rule 9 of the Takeover Code, if:

- (a) a person acquires an interest in Shares which, when taken together with Shares already held by him or persons acting in concert with him, carry 30 per cent. or more of the voting rights in the Company; or
- (b) a person who, together with persons acting in concert with him, is interested in not less than 30 per cent. and not more than 50 per cent. of the voting rights in the Company acquires additional interests in Shares which increase the percentage of Shares carrying voting rights in which that person is interested,

the acquirer and, depending on the circumstances, its concert parties, would be required (except with the consent of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers) to make a cash offer for the outstanding Shares at a price not less than the highest price paid for any interests in the Shares by the acquirer or its concert parties during the previous 12 months.

### 4.2 **Compulsory Acquisition**

Under sections 974 to 991 of the Act, if an offeror acquires or contracts to acquire (pursuant to a takeover offer) not less than 90 per cent. of the shares (in value and by voting rights) to which such offer relates it may then compulsorily acquire the outstanding shares not assented to the offer. It would do so by sending a notice to holders of outstanding shares telling them that it will compulsorily acquire their shares and then, six weeks later, it would execute a transfer of the outstanding shares in its favour and pay the consideration to the Company, which would hold the consideration on trust for the holders of outstanding shares. The consideration offered to the holders whose shares are compulsorily acquired under the Act must, in general, be the same as the consideration that was available under the takeover offer.

In addition, pursuant to section 983 of the Act, if an offeror acquires or agrees to acquire not less than 90 per cent. of the shares (in value and by voting rights) to which the offer relates, any holder of shares to which the offer relates who has not accepted the offer may require the offeror to acquire his shares on the same terms as the takeover offer.

The offeror would be required to give any holder of outstanding shares notice of his right to be bought out within one month of that right arising. Such sell-out rights cannot be exercised after the end of the period of three months from the last date on which the offer can be accepted or, if later, three months from the date on which the notice is served on the holder of outstanding shares notifying them of their sell-out rights. If a holder of shares exercises their rights, the offeror is bound to acquire those shares on the terms of the offer or on such other terms as may be agreed.

## 5. **Interests of Directors, major shareholders and related party transactions**

5.1 As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Directors held the following interests in the share capital of the Company:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Number of Ordinary Shares</i>	<i>% of issued Ordinary Share capital</i>	<i>Number of Existing C Shares</i>	<i>% of issued Existing C Share capital</i>
Simon King	10,000	0.045	5,000	0.02

5.2 The Directors intend to subscribe for C Shares pursuant to the Issue in the amounts set out below:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Number of C Shares</i>	<i>% of issued C Share capital*</i>
Simon King	5,000	0.00125

\*Assuming that the Issue is subscribed as to 40 million C Shares

Save as disclosed in this paragraph, immediately following Admission, no Director will have any interest, whether beneficial or non-beneficial, in the share or loan capital of the Company.

5.3 No Director has a service contract with the Company, nor are any such contracts proposed, each Director having been appointed pursuant to a letter of appointment entered into with the Company. The Directors' appointments can be terminated in accordance with the Articles and without compensation. The Directors are subject to retirement by rotation in accordance with the Articles.

There is no notice period specified in the letters of appointment or Articles for the removal of Directors. The Articles provide that the office of Director shall be terminated by, among other things: (i) written resignation; (ii) unauthorised absences from board meetings for six consecutive months or more; or (iii) written request of all of the other Directors.

5.4 The Directors' current level of remuneration is £25,000 per annum for each Director other than the Chairman, who receives £30,000 per annum. The Directors are entitled to additional fees for serving on any committees of the Board.

There are no amounts set aside or accrued by the Company to provide pension, retirement or similar benefits.

5.5 The Company has not made any loans to the Directors which are outstanding, nor has it ever provided any guarantees for the benefit of any Director or the Directors collectively.

5.6 Over the five years preceding the date of this document, the Directors hold or have held the following directorships (apart from their directorships of the Company) or memberships of the following administrative, management or supervisory bodies and/or partnerships:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Previous</i>
Stuart Cruickshank	None	Psion Holdings Limited Perfect Answer N.I. Limited Internet Q PLC Stuart Cruickshank Consulting Limited Hounslow Arts Trust Limited (The)
Michael Cassidy	Askonas Holt Limited Crossrail Limited The Crossrail Art Foundation Ebbsfleet Development Corporation	The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry London & Partners International International Financial Services London Salvus Property Advisers Ltd Haymarket Risk Management Ltd Centre for London UBS Limited
Simon King	None	None

5.7 Save as disclosed in paragraph 5.7 below, the Directors in the five years before the date of this document:

- do not have any convictions in relation to fraudulent offences;
- have not been associated with any bankruptcies, receiverships or liquidations of any partnership or company through acting in the capacity as a member of the administrative, management or

supervisory body or as a partner, founder or senior manager of such partnership or company; and

- do not have any official public incrimination and/or sanctions by statutory or regulatory authorities (including designated professional bodies) and have not been disqualified by a court from acting as a member of the administration, management or supervisory bodies of any issuer or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any issuer.

5.8 Michael Cassidy was a director of International Financial Services London which went into creditors' voluntary liquidation on 12 October 2011.

5.9 So far as is known to the Company by virtue of the notifications made to it pursuant to the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, as at the Latest Practicable Date the following persons held directly or indirectly three per cent. or more of the Company's voting rights:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Number of voting right held</i>	<i>% of voting rights</i>
Thesis Asset Management plc	2,250,000	4.870
Invesco Limited	1,700,000	3.680
Ruffer LLP	1,509,886	3.268
AXA Investment Managers S.A.	1,475,000	3.193

Save as set out in this paragraph 5.9, the Company is not aware of any person who holds as shareholder (within the meaning of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules), directly or indirectly, three per cent. or more of the voting rights of the Company.

5.10 All Shareholders have the same voting rights in respect of the share capital of the Company.

5.11 The Company and the Directors are not aware of any person who, directly or indirectly, jointly or severally, exercises or could exercise control over the Company.

5.12 The Company and the Directors are not aware of any arrangements, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the Company.

5.13 Save as disclosed below, there have not been and are currently no agreements or other arrangements between members of the Group and individuals or entities, that may be deemed to be related parties, for the period from the date of the Company's incorporation until the date of this prospectus save as disclosed in the financial statements (see note 14 to the financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2014), which are incorporated by reference into this document.

As at the date of this prospectus, related parties of the Investment Manager held, in aggregate, 920,000 Existing C Shares in the Company, acquired pursuant to the First C Share Placing and Offer.

5.14 None of the Directors has any conflict of interest or potential conflicts of interest between any duties to the Company and his private interests and any other duties. The Investment Manager, any of its directors, officers, employees, agents and affiliates and the Directors and any person or company with whom they are affiliated or by whom they are employed (each an "Interested Party") may be involved in other financial, investment or other professional activities which may cause conflicts of interest with the Company. In particular, Interested Parties may provide services similar to those provided to the Company to other entities and shall not be liable to account for any profit from any such services. For example, an Interested Party may acquire on behalf of a client an investment in which the Company may invest.

## **6. Investment restrictions**

The Company will at all times invest and manage its assets with the objective of spreading risk and in accordance with its published investment policy as set out in Part II of this document.

In order to comply with the current Listing Rules, the Company will not invest more than 10 per cent. of its Gross Assets in other listed closed-ended investment funds, except that this restriction shall not apply to investments in listed closed-ended investment funds which themselves have stated investment policies to invest no more than 15 per cent. of their gross assets in other listed closed-ended investment funds.

In the event of a breach of the investment policy set out in Part II of this document and the investment restrictions set out therein, the Investment Manager shall inform the Board upon becoming aware of the same and if the Board considers the breach to be material, notification will be made to a Regulatory Information Service.

The Company must not conduct any trading activity which is significant in the context of its group as a whole.

## **7. Material contracts**

Save as described below, neither the Company nor any member of its Group has (i) entered into any material contracts (other than contracts in the ordinary course of business) within the two years immediately preceding the publication of this document; or (ii) entered into any contracts that contain provisions under which the Company or any member of its Group has any obligation or entitlement that is material to the Group as at the date of this document.

### **7.1 Placing Agreement**

A Placing Agreement dated 30 June 2015 between the Company, the Investment Manager, Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove whereby each of Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove has undertaken, as agent for the Company, to use its reasonable endeavours to procure subscribers under the Placing for C Shares at the Issue Price. In the event of oversubscription of the Issue, applications under the Placing and/or the Intermediaries Offer will be scaled back at the Company's discretion (in consultation with Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Investment Manager).

The Placing Agreement is subject to, *inter alia*, the C Shares to be issued pursuant to the Issue being admitted to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange by 28 July 2015 (or such later date and time as Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Company agree but not later than 8.00am on 31 August 2015). Each of Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove is entitled to share a commission of up to 1.0 per cent. of the value of the C Shares issued to Placees procured by Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove under the Placing.

Under the Placing Agreement, which may be terminated by Liberum or J.P. Morgan Cazenove in certain circumstances prior to the C Shares being issued pursuant to the Issue and admitted to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange, the Company and the Investment Manager have given certain warranties and indemnities to Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove. These warranties and indemnities are customary for an agreement of this nature.

Under the Placing Agreement, each of Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove may at its discretion and out of its own resources at any time rebate to some or all investors, or to other parties, part or all of its fees relating to the Issue. Each of Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove is also entitled under the Placing Agreement to retain agents and may pay commission in respect of the Issue to any or all of those agents out of its own resources.

The Placing Agreement is governed by the laws of England and Wales.

### **7.2 Intermediaries Agreement**

The Company, Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove, the Intermediaries Offer Adviser and the Intermediaries who have been appointed by the Company prior to the date of this Prospectus have entered into an intermediaries agreement dated 30 June 2015 pursuant to which the Intermediaries agree that, in connection with the Intermediaries Offer, they will be acting as agent for their Underlying Applicants.

None of the Company, the Intermediaries Offer Adviser, Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove or any of their respective representatives will have any liability to the Intermediaries for liabilities, costs or expenses incurred by the Intermediaries in connection with the Intermediaries Offer.

The Intermediaries Offer Adviser agrees to coordinate applications from the Intermediaries under the Intermediaries Offer. Determination of the number of C Shares offered will be determined solely by the Company (following consultation with Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Investment Manager). Allocations to Intermediaries will be determined solely by the Company (following consultation with Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Investment Manager).

The Intermediaries agree to procure the investment of the maximum number of C Shares which can be acquired at the Issue Price for the sum applied for by such Intermediaries on behalf of their respective Underlying Applicants. A minimum application of £1,000 per Underlying Applicant will apply. Intermediaries agree to take reasonable steps to ensure that they will not make more than one application per Underlying Applicant.

Conditional upon Admission, Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove agree to pay (out of the commission that is paid to them pursuant to the Placing Agreement) the Intermediaries a fee of 0.5 per cent. of the aggregate value of the C Shares allocated to and paid for by each Intermediary in the Intermediaries Offer. This fee shall be deducted by Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove from the gross proceeds of the Intermediaries Offer. No Intermediary shall be entitled to deduct any of this fee from any amount they are required to pay under the Intermediaries Offer.

The Intermediaries give certain undertakings regarding their use of information in connection with the Intermediaries Offer. The Intermediaries also give undertakings regarding the form and content of written and oral communications with clients and other third parties and the Intermediaries also give representations and warranties which are relevant for the Intermediaries Offer, and indemnify the Company, the Intermediaries Offer Adviser, Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and their respective representatives against any loss or claim arising out of any breach by them of the agreement or of any duties or obligations under FSMA or under any rules of the FCA or any applicable laws or as a result of any other act or omission by the Intermediary in connection with the subscription for and/or resale of C Shares by the Intermediaries or any Underlying Applicant.

### **7.3 *Placing agreement***

Under a placing agreement dated 12 January 2015 between the Company, Marshall Wace LLP as investment manager and Liberum, Liberum agreed, as agent for the Company, to use reasonable endeavours to procure subscribers for C Shares under the First C Share Placing and Offer. The Company gave certain warranties and indemnities to Liberum under this placing agreement.

### **7.4 *Intermediaries agreement***

Under an intermediaries agreement dated 12 January 2015 between the Company, Liberum, the Intermediaries Offer Adviser and the intermediaries appointed by the Company prior to the date of publication of the prospectus published in connection with the First C Share Placing and Offer, the Intermediaries Offer Adviser agreed to coordinate applications from intermediaries under the intermediaries offer. The intermediaries gave certain undertakings regarding their use of information in connection with the intermediaries offer. The intermediaries also gave undertakings regarding the form and content of written and oral communications with clients and other third parties and representations and warranties and an indemnity in favour of the Company, the Intermediaries Offer Adviser, Liberum and their respective representatives against any loss or claim arising out of any breach or alleged breach by them of the agreement or of any duties or obligations under FSMA or under any rules of the FCA or any applicable laws or as a result of any other act or omission by the intermediary in connection with the subscription for and/or resale of C Shares by the intermediaries or any underlying applicant.

### **7.5 *Loan Administration Agreement***

The Loan Administration Agreement dated 29 May 2014, between the Company, the Investment Manager and the Loan Administrator, which was novated from Marshall Wace LLP to Eaglewood Europe LLP (pursuant to a deed of novation) with effect from 1 May 2015, pursuant to which the Loan Administrator is appointed to provide certain administrative services in connection with the loans and other financing arrangements forming part of the portfolio of the Company and its subsidiaries, including reconciliations.

Under the terms of the Loan Administration Agreement, the Loan Administrator is entitled to be paid a fee of 0.025 per cent. of Net Asset Value, subject to a minimum monthly fee of £2,000 (exclusive of

VAT). In addition to these fees, the Loan Administrator is entitled to be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in the performance of its duties under the agreement.

The Loan Administration Agreement provides that the Company and each of its subsidiaries shall jointly and severally indemnify the Loan Administrator, its affiliates and each of their officers, directors, employees or agents, against any liabilities arising out of or in connection with the Loan Administration Agreement, save where such liabilities are incurred by an indemnified party as a result of its or their own fraud, wilful default, material breach of the agreement or negligence.

The Loan Administration Agreement is terminable by the Company or the Loan Administrator giving to the other not less than 90 days' notice. The Loan Administration Agreement may be terminated earlier by the Company in the event of the insolvency of the Loan Administrator.

The Loan Administration Agreement is governed by English law.

#### **7.6 *Placing agreement***

Under a placing agreement dated 19 May 2014 between the Company, Marshall Wace LLP as investment manager, the Directors and Liberum, Liberum agreed, as agent for the Company, to use reasonable endeavours to procure subscribers for Ordinary Shares. The Company gave certain warranties and indemnities to Liberum under this placing agreement.

#### **7.7 *Intermediaries agreement***

Under an intermediaries agreement dated 14 May 2014 between the Company, Liberum, the Intermediaries Offer Adviser and the intermediaries appointed by the Company prior to the date of publication of the prospectus published in connection with First Admission, the Intermediaries Offer Adviser agreed to coordinate applications from intermediaries under the intermediaries offer. The intermediaries gave certain undertakings regarding their use of information in connection with the intermediaries offer. The intermediaries also gave undertakings regarding the form and content of written and oral communications with clients and other third parties and representations and warranties and an indemnity in favour of the Company, the Intermediaries Offer Adviser, Liberum and their respective representatives against any loss or claim arising out of any breach or alleged breach by them of the agreement or of any duties or obligations under FSMA or under any rules of the FCA or any applicable laws or as a result of any other act or omission by the intermediary in connection with the subscription for and/or resale of Ordinary Shares by the intermediaries or any underlying applicant.

#### **7.8 *Management Agreement***

A Management Agreement dated 14 May 2014 between the Company and the Investment Manager, which was novated from Marshall Wace LLP to Eaglewood Europe LLP (pursuant to a deed of novation) with effect from 1 May 2015, pursuant to which the Investment Manager is appointed to act as investment manager and AIFM of the Company with responsibility for portfolio management and risk management of the Company's investments.

Under the terms of the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager is entitled to a management fee together with reimbursement of all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by it in the performance of its duties. The Investment Manager is also entitled to a performance fee in certain circumstances. Details of the management fee and performance fee are set out in Part III of this document under the sub-heading "*On-going annual expenses*".

The Management Agreement is terminable by either the Investment Manager or the Company giving to the other not less than 12 months' written notice, such notice not to expire earlier than the third anniversary of First Admission. The Management Agreement may be terminated with immediate effect on the occurrence of certain events, including insolvency or material and continuing breach.

The Company has given an indemnity in favour of the Investment Manager in respect of the Investment Manager's potential losses in carrying on its responsibilities under the Management Agreement.

The Management Agreement is governed by the laws of England.

## 7.9 **Depositary Agreement**

The Depositary Agreement dated 14 May 2014, between the Company, the AIFM and the Depositary, which was novated from Marshall Wace LLP to Eaglewood Europe LLP (pursuant to a deed of novation) with effect from 1 May 2015, pursuant to which the Depositary is appointed as the Company's depositary for the purposes of the AIFM Directive.

Under the terms of the Depositary Agreement, the Depositary is entitled to be paid a fee of up to 0.025 per cent. per annum of Net Asset Value, subject to a minimum monthly fee of £3,000 (exclusive of VAT). In addition to these fees, the Depositary is entitled to debit the Company's accounts in order to be reimbursed for all expenses (including any fees of a sub-custodian) incurred in the performance of its duties under the agreement.

The Depositary Agreement provides for the Depositary and its employees, officers, directors, servants and agents to be indemnified by the Company from any and all expenses, claims, damages, losses, commitments, costs, disbursements, taxes and other liabilities reasonably incurred or suffered by the Depositary resulting directly or indirectly from the Depositary carrying out its obligations under the Depositary Agreement, except in the case the Depositary is liable pursuant to the terms of the Depositary Agreement, and breach by the Company of its representations and warranties made in the Depositary Agreement or from the Company's negligence (whether through an act or an omission) or wilful misconduct or fraud in the performance of its obligations pursuant to the Depositary Agreement or applicable law.

In accordance with the terms of the Depositary Agreement, and subject to the provisions of the AIFM Directive, the Depositary may delegate its safe-keeping functions in relation to financial instruments and other assets of the Company. The liability of the Depositary shall in principle not be affected by any delegation of its custody function and the Depositary shall be liable to the Company or its investors for the loss of financial instruments by the Depositary or a third party to whom the custody of financial instruments has been delegated. The Depositary may discharge its responsibility in case of a loss of a financial instrument: (i) in the event it can prove that the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary; (ii) where it has contractually discharged its responsibility in compliance with article 21(13) of the AIFM Directive; or (iii) in compliance with the conditions set out under article 21(14) of the AIFM Directive where the laws of a third country require that certain financial instruments be held by a local entity and there are no local entities that satisfy the delegation requirements of article 21(11) of the AIFM Directive. Save as aforesaid, the Depositary shall be liable to the Company for any loss or liability incurred by the Company as a consequence of the Depositary's negligence, wilful default or fraud in failing to properly fulfil its obligations pursuant to the AIFM Directive. In the absence of the Depositary's negligence, wilful default or fraud in failing to properly fulfil its obligations pursuant to the AIFM Directive, the Depositary shall not be liable to the Company or any other person with respect to any act or omission in connection with the services provided under the Depositary Agreement. Under no circumstances shall the Depositary be liable to the Company or any other person for special, indirect or consequential loss or damage.

The Depositary Agreement is terminable by the Company, the AIFM or the Depositary giving to the other parties not less than 90 days' notice. The Depositary Agreement may be terminated earlier by the Company, the AIFM or the Depositary on the occurrence of certain events, including: (i) if another party has committed a material and continuing breach of the terms of the Depositary Agreement; or (ii) in the case of insolvency of a party.

The Depositary Agreement is governed by the laws of England and Wales.

## 7.10 **Administration Agreement**

The Administration Agreement dated 1 May 2014 between the Company and the Administrator, pursuant to which the Administrator has agreed to provide certain administrative services to the Company. Under the agreement, the Administrator will provide general fund administration services (including calculation of the monthly NAV), book-keeping and accounts preparation services.

Under the terms of the Administration Agreement, the Administrator is entitled to a fee of 0.05 per cent. per annum of Net Asset Value, subject to a minimum monthly fee of £5,000. The Administrator

is also entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by it in connection with its duties.

The agreement may be terminated by either party on 90 days' notice in writing. The agreement may be terminated forthwith on notice in writing in the event of certain circumstances, including material and continuing breach of the agreement or insolvency.

The Company has agreed to indemnify the Administrator from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, claims, demands, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever which may be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against it in connection with the provision of its services under the Administration Agreement, other than by reason of negligence, bad faith, fraud or wilful misconduct on the part of the Administrator or the material breach of the Administration Agreement by the Administrator.

The Administration Agreement is governed by the laws of England and Wales.

#### **7.11 External Valuer Agreement**

The External Valuer Agreement dated 1 May 2014 between the Company and the External Valuer, pursuant to which the External Valuer has agreed to provide certain valuation services in respect of the Company's Designated Investments.

The agreement may be terminated by either party on 90 days' notice in writing. The agreement may be terminated forthwith on notice in writing in the event of certain circumstances, including material and continuing breach of the agreement or insolvency.

The Company has agreed to indemnify the External Valuer from and against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, claims, demands, judgments, penalties, costs or expenses of any kind or nature whatsoever which may be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against it in connection with the provision of its services under the External Valuer Agreement, other than by reason of negligence or intentional failure on the part of the External Valuer.

The External Valuer Agreement is governed by the laws of Ireland.

#### **7.12 Registrar Agreement**

The Registrar Agreement between the Company and Capita Asset Services dated 1 May 2014, pursuant to which the Registrar has been appointed as registrar to the Company. The Registrar shall be entitled to receive an annual maintenance fee from the Company of £1.25 per shareholder account, subject to an annual minimum charge of £2,500 (exclusive of any VAT). The Registrar shall also be entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the Company.

Either party may terminate the Registrar Agreement on not less than 90 days' notice in writing to the other party, provided that such termination shall not be effective prior to the first anniversary of First Admission. Either party may terminate the Registrar Agreement immediately on notice in writing in the event of material and continuing breach or insolvency.

The Registrar Agreement limits the Registrar's liability thereunder to the lesser of £500,000 or an amount equal to five times the annual fee payable to the Registrar pursuant to the Registrar Agreement. The Company indemnifies the Registrar and its affiliates against all claims arising out of or connected to the Registrar Agreement, save in the case of fraud, wilful default or negligence on the part of the Registrar or its affiliates.

The Registrar Agreement is governed by the laws of England.

#### **7.13 Company Secretarial Agreement**

The Company Secretarial Agreement between the Company and Capita Company Secretarial Services Limited dated 1 May 2014, pursuant to which Capita Company Secretarial Services Limited has been appointed as company secretary to the Company. Capita Company Secretarial Services Limited shall be entitled to receive an annual fee from the Company of £45,000 (exclusive of any VAT). Capita

Company Secretarial Services Limited shall also be entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the Company.

Either party may terminate the Company Secretarial Agreement on not less than 90 days' notice in writing to the other party, provided that such termination shall not be effective prior to the first anniversary of First Admission. Either party may terminate the agreement immediately on notice in writing in the event of material and continuing breach or insolvency.

The Company Secretarial Agreement limits Capita Company Secretarial Services Limited's liability thereunder to the lesser of £500,000 or an amount equal to five times the annual fee payable to Capita Company Secretarial Services Limited pursuant to the agreement. The Company indemnifies Capita Company Secretarial Services Limited and its affiliates against all claims arising out of or connected to the Registrar Agreement, save in the case of fraud, wilful default or negligence on the part of Capita Company Secretarial Services Limited or its affiliates.

The Company Secretarial Agreement is governed by the laws of England.

#### **7.14 Agreement with Funding Circle (UK)**

Pursuant to an agreement dated 1 May 2014 between the Investment Manager, the Company and Funding Circle (UK), Funding Circle (UK) agreed to make available for investment by the Company (and any other entities to which the Investment Manager or any of its affiliates provides investment management services), through its Platform, whole loans. The whole loans to be made available are across the entire range of credit grades available through Funding Circle (UK)'s Platform. The Company is required to pay an annual service fee in respect of each loan it acquires through the Platform. The agreement is for an initial term of 9 months following First Admission. Thereafter, the agreement will continue in force for successive 3 month periods. The agreement is subject to termination on the occurrence of certain events, including by Funding Circle (UK) if the Company (together, in aggregate, with any other entities to which the Investment Manager or any of its affiliates acts as investment manager) has not invested in a specified minimum amount of whole loans through its Platform. The agreement is governed by the laws of England and Wales.

#### **7.15 Agreement with RateSetter**

Pursuant to an agreement dated 1 May 2014 between the Investment Manager, the Company and RateSetter, RateSetter agreed to make available for investment by the Company (and any other entities to which the Investment Manager or any of its affiliates is appointed as investment manager), through its Platform, whole loans. The whole loans to be made available for investment by the Company are within investment and credit parameters specified by the Investment Manager. The agreement is subject to immediate termination in the event of, *inter alia*, material and continuing breach of agreement or if the aggregate principal value of all whole loans invested in by the Company (together, in aggregate, with any other entities to which the Investment Manager or any of its affiliates provides investment management services) through RateSetter's Platform falls below a specified amount. The agreement is governed by English law.

#### **7.16 Agreement with Zopa**

Pursuant to an agreement dated 1 May 2014, as amended pursuant to a deed of amendment and restatement dated 16 January 2015, between the Investment Manager, the Company and Zopa, Zopa agreed to make available for investment by the Company (and any other entities to which the Investment Manager or any of its affiliates provides investment management services), through its Platform, loans. The Company is required to pay an annual lender fee in respect of each loan it acquires through the Platform. The agreement continues in force until 12 January 2020 but is subject to termination in the event of, *inter alia*, material and continuing breach. The agreement contains an indemnity from the Company to Zopa in respect of any liabilities, costs, expenses, damages and losses suffered or incurred by Zopa arising out of or in connection with any claim made by a third party in connection with the negligence, fraud, wilful default or misconduct of the Company. The agreement is governed by English law.

#### **7.17 Agreement with Crossflow**

Pursuant to a platform finance provision agreement dated 1 May 2014 between the Investment Manager, the Company and Crossflow, Crossflow agreed to make available for acquisition by the

Company (and any other entities to which the Investment Manager or any of its affiliates is appointed as investment manager) through its Platform invoices between a corporate buyer and a supplier. The invoices to be made available for investment by the Company are within investment and credit parameters to be specified by the Investment Manager. The agreement provides that the yield on each invoice invested in by the Company is to be shared between Crossflow and the Company. The agreement is subject to immediate termination in the event of, *inter alia*, material and continuing breach. In the event that no investment in any Platform invoice has been made by the Company (or any other entity to which the Investment Manager or any of its affiliates provides investment management services) during any continuous 12-month period, the agreement will cease and determine at the end of such continuous 12-month period. The agreement is governed by English law.

#### **7.18 Agreement with Upstart**

Pursuant to an agreement dated 11 September 2014 between Eaglewood SPV I LP (the “Subsidiary Undertaking”) and Upstart, subject to the Subsidiary Undertaking meeting certain purchase volume requirements in respect of consumer loans originated via the Upstart Platform, Upstart has agreed to offer to the Subsidiary Undertaking for purchase a specified minimum volume of such consumer loans. Subject to the Subsidiary Undertaking meeting certain loan purchase volume requirements, the Subsidiary Undertaking is also permitted to acquire shares in Upstart Holdings, Inc., the parent company of Upstart. The agreement will terminate on 31 December 2017, unless terminated earlier in the event of, *inter alia*, the Subsidiary Undertaking failing to meet certain minimum purchase requirements or the mutual consent of the parties to terminate. The agreement is governed by the laws of the State of New York.

#### **7.19 Novation Agreement with MW Eaglewood relating to Funding Circle (UK)**

The novation agreement provided that, shortly following First Admission, the Company would acquire SME loans that had been originated through the Funding Circle (UK) Platform, with an aggregate principal value of up to £2,000,000, from MW Eaglewood. MW Eaglewood gave certain representations and warranties to the Company in relation to, *inter alia*, the loans it agreed to novate to the Company and the contractual agreements relating to those loans. The agreement is governed by the laws of England and Wales.

#### **7.20 Broker Agreement**

The Broker Agreement dated 10 April 2014 between the Company and Liberum pursuant to which Liberum is appointed to act as corporate broker to the Company. As part of the engagement, Liberum agreed, amongst other things, to advise on and co-ordinate an investor liaison programme for the Company, to monitor and report to the Board where appropriate on the trading of the Shares and significant movements in its share price and to use its reasonable endeavours to match buyers and sellers of the Shares.

Liberum is entitled to a fee of £50,000 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance. All fees and other expenses are exclusive of VAT, if any.

The Broker Agreement may be terminated by either party on three months’ notice, although no notice to terminate the agreement will be effective until the first anniversary of First Admission.

The Company has agreed to indemnify Liberum against all losses which Liberum may suffer or incur by reason of or arising out of or in connection with its engagement under the Broker Agreement, save where the same arise from the judicially determined fraud, regulatory breach, negligence or wilful default of Liberum or from a material breach by Liberum of the Broker Agreement.

The Broker Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England.

## **8. Litigation**

There have been no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings, and the Company is not aware of any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings pending or threatened, during the 12 months preceding the date of this document which may have, or have had in the recent past, a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Company or the Group.

## 9. Significant change

Save as disclosed below, as at the date of this document, there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Group since 31 December 2014, being the end of the last period for which audited financial information has been published.

In January 2015, the Company issued 25 million C Shares at £10 per share which commenced trading on the London Stock Exchange on 29 January 2015. A dividend of 12.5 pence per Ordinary Share was paid on 2 April 2015 resulting in a reduction in cash and cash equivalents of £2,500,000. In June 2015, the Company issued 1,999,999 new Ordinary Shares at £10.75 per Ordinary Share which commenced trading on the London Stock Exchange on 22 June 2015. A dividend of 16.5 pence per Ordinary Share was paid by the Company on 26 June 2015 resulting in a reduction in cash and cash equivalents of £3,300,000.

## 10. Working capital

In the opinion of the Company the working capital available to the Group is sufficient for its present requirements, that is for at least 12 months from the date of this document.

## 11. General

11.1 Where information has been sourced from third parties, the Company confirms that this information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as the Company is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. The sources of information have been disclosed.

11.2 Liberum is acting as sponsor and joint bookrunner to the Issue and has given and not withdrawn its written consent to the inclusion in this document of references to its name in the form and context in which they appear.

11.3 J.P. Morgan Cazenove is acting as joint bookrunner to the Issue and has given and not withdrawn its written consent to the inclusion in this document of references to its name in the form and context in which they appear.

11.4 Eaglewood Europe LLP has given and not withdrawn its written consent to the inclusion in this document of references to its name in the form and context in which they appear.

Eaglewood Europe LLP accepts responsibility for the information contained in Part I of this document under the heading "Platforms in the US, UK and New Zealand" and has authorised the inclusion of that information. Eaglewood Europe LLP has taken all reasonable care to ensure that the information contained in Part I of this document under the heading "Platforms in the US, UK and New Zealand" is, to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omissions likely to affect its import.

11.5 Eaglewood Capital Management LLC has given and not withdrawn its written consent to the inclusion in this document of references to its name in the form and context in which they appear.

11.6 The effect of the Issue will be to increase the net assets of the Company. On the assumption that the Issue is subscribed as to £400 million, the fundraising is expected to increase the net assets of the Company by approximately £396 million. The Issue is expected to be earnings enhancing. Upon Conversion, the Company's net assets will not be materially affected.

11.7 In accordance with the AIFM Rules, the AIFM will ensure that the following information in relation to the Company's portfolio is published in the Company's annual report and audited accounts:

- (i) the current risk profile of the Company and the risk management systems employed by the AIFM to manage those risks;
- (ii) any changes to the maximum level of leverage which the AIFM may employ on behalf of the Company as well as any right of the re-use of collateral or any guarantee granted under the leveraging arrangement. The Company will, in addition, notify Shareholders of any such changes, rights or guarantees without undue delay by issuing an announcement via a Regulatory

Information Service and is required to seek prior Shareholder approval for any material change to the Company's investment policy; and

- (iii) the total amount of leverage employed by the Company.

## **12. Auditors**

The auditors to the Company are PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP of 1 Embankment Place, London, WC2N 6RH. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is a member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have audited the Company's annual accounts for the period ended 31 December 2014 and no other information contained in this document.

## **13. Depositary**

Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A., whose registered office is located at 2, boulevard Konrad Adenauer, L-1115 Luxembourg, acts as the Company's depositary. The Depositary is a Luxembourg public limited company (société anonyme), registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register under number B 9164 and its telephone number is +352(421)22-1. The Depositary was incorporated on August 12, 1970 under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The Depositary maintains its registered office and place of central administration in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The Depositary has a banking licence granted in accordance with the law of 5 April 1993 on the Financial Sector, as amended, and provides a range of banking, custodial, depositary, administrative agency and other related services. It is registered on the official list of Luxembourg credit institutions and is subject as such to the supervision of the CSSF.

The Depositary is not involved, directly or indirectly, with the business affairs, organisation, sponsorship or management of the Company and is not responsible for the preparation of this document and accepts no responsibility for any information contained in this document.

The Depositary's asset ownership and verification duties with respect to non-custodial assets of the Company apply on a look-through basis to underlying assets held by financial or legal structures established by the Company or by the AIFM acting on behalf of the Company for the purpose of investing in the underlying assets and which are controlled directly or indirectly by the Company or the AIFM acting on behalf of the Company. Although the Eaglewood Funds are managed by an affiliate of the AIFM, the Eaglewood Funds are pre-existing fund vehicles and have not been established by the Company for the purposes of investing in their underlying assets or established by the AIFM acting on behalf of the Company for the purposes of investing in their underlying assets. Further, the Company does not control the Eaglewood Funds (either by holding non-voting rights or otherwise), nor does the AIFM, which is in the same group as the Sub-Manager and the general partner entities of the Eaglewood Funds, directly or indirectly control the Eaglewood Funds on behalf of the Company. To the extent such circumstances continue to prevail, the Depositary shall not perform any depositary duties on a look-through basis with respect to the assets of the Eaglewood Funds.

The Depositary's duty regarding monitoring of cash flows shall not apply to cash held by financial or legal structures directly or indirectly controlled by the Company or the AIFM acting on behalf of the Company.

Where laws of a third country require that certain financial instruments be held in custody by a local entity and there are no local entities that satisfy the delegation requirements under the AIFM Directive, the Depositary can discharge itself of liability in certain circumstances under certain conditions.

## **14. Intermediaries**

The Intermediaries authorised at the date of this Prospectus to use this Prospectus in connection with the Intermediaries Offer are:

Interactive Investor Trading Ltd of Standon House, 21 Mansell Street, E1 8AA

Dowgate Capital Stockbrokers Ltd of Talisman House, Jubilee Walk, Three Bridges, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 1LQ

Midas Investment Management Limited of 2nd Floor, Arthur House, Chorlton Street, Manchester, M1 3FH

Reyker Securities plc of 17 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6AR

A J Bell Securities Ltd of Trafford House, Chester Road, Manchester, M32 0RS

Alliance Trust Savings Limited of PO Box 164, 8 West Marketgait, Dundee, DD1 9MP

Barclays Bank PLC of 1 Churchill Place, London, E14 5HP

Cornhill Capital Limited of 4th Floor, 18 St. Swithin's Lane, London, EC4N 8AD

### **15. Documents on display**

The following documents will be available for inspection during usual business hours on any day (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) at the offices of Stephenson Harwood LLP, 1 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7SH until the date of Admission:

15.1 this document;

15.2 the Articles; and

15.3 the annual report and accounts for the period to 31 December 2014.

Dated 30 June 2015

## PART VIII

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION UNDER THE PLACING

#### 1. Introduction

Each Placee which confirms its agreement to the Company and/or Liberum and/or J.P. Morgan Cazenove to subscribe for C Shares under the Placing will be bound by these terms and conditions and will be deemed to have accepted them.

The Company and/or Liberum and/or J.P. Morgan Cazenove may require any Placee to agree to such further terms and/or conditions and/or give such additional warranties and/or representations as it/they (in its/their absolute discretion) sees fit and/or may require any such Placee to execute a separate placing letter.

#### 2. Agreement to subscribe for C Shares

Conditional on: (i) Admission occurring and becoming effective by 8.00 a.m. on 28 July 2015 (or such later time and/or date, not being later than 8.00 a.m. on 31 August 2015, as the Company, Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove may agree); (ii) the Placing Agreement becoming otherwise unconditional in all respects and not having been terminated on or before the date of Admission, a Placee agrees to become a member of the Company and agrees to subscribe for those C Shares allocated to it by Liberum and/or J.P. Morgan Cazenove at the Issue Price. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Placee acknowledges and agrees that it will not be entitled to exercise any remedy of rescission at any time. This does not affect any other rights the Placee may have.

#### 3. Payment for C Shares

- 3.1 Each Placee must pay the relevant Issue Price for the C Shares issued to the Placee in the manner and by the time directed by Liberum and/or J.P. Morgan Cazenove. If any Placee fails to pay as so directed and/or by the time required, the relevant Placee's application for C Shares may, at the discretion of Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove, either be rejected or accepted and in the latter case paragraph 3.2 of these terms and conditions shall apply.
- 3.2 Each Placee is deemed to agree that if it does not comply with its obligation to pay the relevant Issue Price for the C Shares allocated to it in accordance with paragraph 3.1 of these terms and conditions and Liberum or J.P. Morgan Cazenove elects to accept that Placee's application, Liberum or J.P. Morgan Cazenove may sell all or any of the C Shares allocated to the Placee on such Placee's behalf and retain from the proceeds, for Liberum's or J.P. Morgan Cazenove's own account and profit, an amount equal to the aggregate amount owed by the Placee plus any interest due. The Placee will, however, remain liable for any shortfall below the aggregate amount owed by such Placee and it may be required to bear any tax or other charges (together with any interest or penalties) which may arise upon the sale of such C Shares on such Placee's behalf.

#### 4. Representations and warranties

By agreeing to subscribe for C Shares, each Placee which enters into a commitment to subscribe for C Shares will (for itself and any person(s) procured by it to subscribe for C Shares and any nominee(s) for any such person(s)) be deemed to represent and warrant to each of the Company, the Investment Manager, Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove that:

- (a) in agreeing to subscribe for C Shares under the Placing, it is relying solely on this document and any supplementary prospectus issued by the Company and not on any other information given, or representation or statement made at any time, by any person concerning the Company or the Placing. It agrees that none of the Company, the Investment Manager, Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove or the Registrar, nor any of their respective officers, agents or employees, will have any liability for any other information or representation. It irrevocably and unconditionally waives any rights it may have in respect of any other information or representation;
- (b) if the laws of any territory or jurisdiction outside the United Kingdom are applicable to its agreement to subscribe for C Shares under the Placing, it warrants that it has complied with all

such laws, obtained all governmental and other consents which may be required, complied with all requisite formalities and paid any issue, transfer or other taxes due in connection with its application in any territory and that it has not taken any action or omitted to take any action which will result in the Company, the Investment Manager, Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove or the Registrar or any of their respective officers, agents or employees acting in breach of the regulatory or legal requirements, directly or indirectly, of any territory or jurisdiction outside the United Kingdom in connection with the Placing;

- (c) it has carefully read and understands this document in its entirety and acknowledges that it is acquiring C Shares on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in this Part VIII and the Articles;
- (d) it has not relied on Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove or any person affiliated with either of them in connection with any investigation of the accuracy of any information contained in this document;
- (e) the content of this document is exclusively the responsibility of the Company and its Directors and neither Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove nor any person acting on their respective behalf nor any of their respective affiliates are responsible for or shall have any liability for any information, representation or statement contained in this document or any information published by or on behalf of the Company and will not be liable for any decision by a Placee to participate in the Placing based on any information, representation or statement contained in this document or otherwise;
- (f) it acknowledges that no person is authorised in connection with the Placing to give any information or make any representation other than as contained in this document and, if given or made, any information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Company, the Investment Manager, Liberum or J.P. Morgan Cazenove;
- (g) it is not applying as, nor is it applying as nominee or agent for, a person who is or may be liable to notify and account for tax under the Stamp Duty Reserve Tax Regulations 1986 at any of the increased rates referred to in section 67, 70, 93 or 96 of the Finance Act 1986 (depository receipts and clearance services);
- (h) it accepts that none of the C Shares has been or will be registered under the laws of the United States, Canada, Australia or Japan. Accordingly, the C Shares may not be offered, sold, issued or delivered, directly or indirectly, within any of United States, Canada, Australia or Japan unless an exemption from any registration requirement is available;
- (i) if it is within the United Kingdom, it is a person who falls within Articles 49(2)(a) to (d) or 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotions) Order 2005 or it is a person to whom the C Shares may otherwise lawfully be offered under such Order or, if it is receiving the offer in circumstances under which the laws or regulations of a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom would apply, it is a person to whom the C Shares may be lawfully offered under that other jurisdiction's laws and regulations;
- (j) if it is a resident in the EEA (other than the United Kingdom), (a) it is a qualified investor within the meaning of the law in the relevant Member State implementing Article 2(1)(e)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Directive 2003/71/EC and (b) if that relevant Member State has implemented the AIFM Directive, that it is a person to whom the C Shares may lawfully be marketed under the AIFM Directive or under the applicable implementing legislation (if any) of that relevant Member State;
- (k) in the case of any C Shares acquired by a Placee as a financial intermediary as that term is used in Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive (i) the C Shares acquired by it in the Placing have not been acquired on behalf of, nor have they been acquired with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in any relevant Member State other than qualified investors, as that term is defined in the Prospectus Directive 2010/73/EU, or in circumstances in which the prior consent of Liberum or J.P. Morgan Cazenove has been given to the offer or resale; or (ii) where C Shares have been acquired by it on behalf of persons in any relevant Member State other than qualified investors, the offer of those C Shares to it is not treated under the Prospectus Directive as having been made to such persons;
- (l) if it is outside the United Kingdom, neither this document nor any other offering, marketing or other material in connection with the Placing constitutes an invitation, offer or promotion to, or arrangement with, it or any person whom it is procuring to subscribe for C Shares pursuant to the Placing unless, in the relevant territory, such offer, invitation or other course of conduct could

lawfully be made to it or such person and such documents or materials could lawfully be provided to it or such person and C Shares could lawfully be distributed to and subscribed and held by it or such person without compliance with any unfulfilled approval, registration or other regulatory or legal requirements;

- (m) it does not have a registered address in, and is not a citizen, resident or national of, any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful to make or accept an offer of the C Shares and it is not acting on a non-discretionary basis for any such person;
- (n) if the Placee is a natural person, such Placee is not under the age of majority (18 years of age in the United Kingdom) on the date of such Placee's agreement to subscribe for C Shares under the Placing and will not be any such person on the date any such agreement to subscribe under the Placing is accepted;
- (o) it has not, directly or indirectly, distributed, forwarded, transferred or otherwise transmitted this document or any other offering materials concerning the Placing or the C Shares to any persons within the United States or to any U.S. Persons, nor will it do any of the foregoing;
- (p) it represents, acknowledges and agrees to the representations, warranties and agreements as set out under the heading "United States Purchase and Transfer Restrictions" in paragraph 5, below;
- (q) it acknowledges that neither Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove nor any of their respective affiliates, nor any person acting on Liberum's or J.P. Morgan Cazenove's behalf is making any recommendations to it or advising it regarding the suitability of any transactions it may enter into in connection with the Placing or providing any advice in relation to the Placing and its participation in the Placing is on the basis that it is not and will not be a client of Liberum or J.P. Morgan Cazenove and that neither Liberum nor J.P. Morgan Cazenove has any duties or responsibilities to it for providing the protections afforded to its clients or for providing advice in relation to the Placing nor in respect of any representations, warranties, undertaking or indemnities otherwise required to be given by it in connection with its application under the Placing;
- (r) that, save in the event of fraud on the part of Liberum, none of Liberum or any direct or indirect subsidiaries of Liberum or any other member of Liberum's group, nor any of their respective directors, members, partners, officers and employees shall be responsible or liable to a Placee or any of its clients for any matter arising out of Liberum's role as sponsor, joint bookrunner and financial adviser or otherwise in connection with the Placing and that where such responsibility or liability nevertheless arises as a matter of law, the Placee and, if relevant, its clients, will immediately waive any claim against such persons which the Placee or any of its clients may have in respect thereof;
- (s) that, save in the event of fraud on the part of J.P. Morgan Cazenove, none of J.P. Morgan Cazenove or any direct or indirect subsidiaries of J.P. Morgan Cazenove or any other member of J.P. Morgan Cazenove's group, nor any of their respective directors, members, partners, officers and employees shall be responsible or liable to a Placee or any of its clients for any matter arising out of J.P. Morgan Cazenove's role as joint bookrunner or otherwise in connection with the Placing and that where such responsibility or liability nevertheless arises as a matter of law, the Placee and, if relevant, its clients, will immediately waive any claim against such persons which the Placee or any of its clients may have in respect thereof;
- (t) it acknowledges that where it is subscribing for C Shares for one or more managed, discretionary or advisory accounts, it is authorised in writing for each such account; (i) to subscribe for the C Shares for each such account; (ii) to make on each such account's behalf the representations, warranties and agreements set out in this document; and (iii) to receive on behalf of each such account any documentation relating to the Placing in the form provided by the Company and/or Liberum and/or J.P. Morgan Cazenove. It agrees that the provision of this paragraph shall survive any resale of the C Shares by or on behalf of any such account;
- (u) it irrevocably appoints any director of the Company and any director of Liberum and/or J.P. Morgan Cazenove to be its agent and on its behalf (without any obligation or duty to do so), to sign, execute and deliver any documents and do all acts, matters and things as may be necessary for, or incidental to, its subscription for all or any of the C Shares for which it has given a commitment under the Placing, in the event of its own failure to do so;

- (v) it accepts that if the Placing does not proceed or the conditions to the Placing Agreement are not satisfied or the C Shares for which valid applications are received and accepted are not admitted to the Official List of the FCA and to trading on the London Stock Exchange for any reason whatsoever then none of Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove or the Company, nor persons controlling, controlled by or under common control with any of them nor any of their respective employees, agents, officers, members, stockholders, partners or representatives, shall have any liability whatsoever to it or any other person;
- (w) in connection with its participation in the Placing it has observed all relevant legislation and regulations, in particular (but without limitation) those relating to money laundering (“Money Laundering Legislation”) and that its application is only made on the basis that it accepts full responsibility for any requirement to verify the identity of its clients and other persons in respect of whom it has applied. In addition, it warrants that it is a person: (i) subject to the Money Laundering Regulations 2007 in force in the United Kingdom; or (ii) subject to the Money Laundering Directive (2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the EC Council of 26 October 2005 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorist financing) (the “Money Laundering Directive”); or (iii) acting in the course of a business in relation to which an overseas regulatory authority exercises regulatory functions and is based or incorporated in, or formed under the law of, a country in which there are in force provisions at least equivalent to those required by the Money Laundering Directive;
- (x) it acknowledges that due to anti-money laundering requirements, Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Company may require proof of identity and verification of the source of the payment before the application can be processed and that, in the event of delay or failure by the applicant to produce any information required for verification purposes, Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Company may refuse to accept the application and the subscription moneys relating thereto. It holds harmless and will indemnify Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Company against any liability, loss or cost ensuing due to the failure to process such application, if such information as has been required has not been provided by it;
- (y) Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Company are entitled to exercise any of their rights under the Placing Agreement or any other right in their absolute discretion without any liability whatsoever to it;
- (z) the representations, undertakings and warranties contained in this document are irrevocable. It acknowledges that Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Company and their respective affiliates will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representations and warranties and it agrees that if any of the representations or warranties made or deemed to have been made by its subscription of the C Shares are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Company;
- (aa) where it or any person acting on behalf of it is dealing with Liberum or J.P. Morgan Cazenove, any money held in an account with Liberum or J.P. Morgan Cazenove on behalf of it and/or any person acting on behalf of it will not be treated as client money within the meaning of the relevant rules and regulations of the FCA which therefore will not require Liberum or J.P. Morgan Cazenove to segregate such money, as that money will be held by Liberum or J.P. Morgan Cazenove under a banking relationship and not as trustee;
- (bb) any of its clients, whether or not identified to Liberum or J.P. Morgan Cazenove, will remain its sole responsibility and will not become clients of Liberum or J.P. Morgan Cazenove for the purposes of the rules of the FCA or for the purposes of any other statutory or regulatory provision;
- (cc) it accepts that the allocation of C Shares shall be determined by Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove in their absolute discretion but in consultation with the Company and the Investment Manager and that Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove may scale down any commitments for this purpose on such basis as it may determine;
- (dd) time shall be of the essence as regards its obligations to settle payment for the C Shares and to comply with its other obligations under the Placing; and
- (ee) authorises Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove to deduct from the total amount subscribed under the Placing the commission (if any) payable to Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove in accordance with the terms of the Placing Agreement.

## **5. United States purchase and transfer restrictions**

By participating in the Placing, each Placee acknowledges and agrees that it will (for itself and any person(s) procured by it to subscribe for C Shares and any nominee(s) for any such person(s)) be further deemed to represent and warrant to each of the Company, the Investment Manager, the Registrar, Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove that:

- (a) it is not a US Person and it is not acquiring the C Shares for the account or benefit of a US Person;
- (b) it acknowledges that the C Shares have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US Persons; and
- (c) it acknowledges that the Company has not registered under the Investment Company Act and that the Company has put in place restrictions for transactions not involving any public offering in the United States, and to ensure that the Company is not and will not be required to register under the Investment Company Act.

The Company, the Investment Manager, Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and their respective directors, officers, agents, employees, advisers and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representations, warranties, acknowledgments and agreements.

If any of the representations, warranties, acknowledgments or agreements made by the Placee are no longer accurate or have not been complied with, the Placee will immediately notify the Company.

## **6. Supply and disclosure of information**

If Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove, the Registrar or the Company or any of their agents request any information about a Placee's agreement to subscribe for C Shares under the Placing, such Placee must promptly disclose it to them.

## **7. Miscellaneous**

The rights and remedies of the Company, the Investment Manager, Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Registrar under these terms and conditions are in addition to any rights and remedies which would otherwise be available to each of them and the exercise or partial exercise of one will not prevent the exercise of others.

On application, if a Placee is a discretionary fund manager, that Placee may be asked to disclose in writing or orally the jurisdiction in which its funds are managed or owned. All documents provided in connection with the Placing will be sent at the Placee's risk. They may be returned by post to such Placee at the address notified by such Placee.

Each Placee agrees to be bound by the Articles once the C Shares, which the Placee has agreed to subscribe for pursuant to the Placing, have been acquired by the Placee. The contract to subscribe for C Shares under the Placing and the appointments and authorities mentioned in this document and all disputes and claims arising out of or in connection with its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England and Wales. For the exclusive benefit of the Company, the Investment Manager, Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Registrar, each Placee irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales and waives any objection to proceedings in any such court on the ground of venue or on the ground that proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum. This does not prevent an action being taken against the Placee in any other jurisdiction.

In the case of a joint agreement to subscribe for C Shares under the Placing, references to a "Placee" in these terms and conditions are to each of the Placees who are a party to that joint agreement and their liability is joint and several.

Liberum, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and the Company expressly reserve the right to modify the Placing (including, without limitation, the timetable and settlement) at any time before allocations are determined. The Placing is subject to the satisfaction of the conditions contained in the Placing

Agreement and the Placing Agreement not having been terminated. Further details of the terms of the Placing Agreement are contained in Part VII of this document.

**PART IX**  
**DEFINITIONS**

<b>Act</b>	the Companies Act 2006, as amended from time to time
<b>Adjusted Net Asset Value</b>	means the Net Asset Value adjusted as described in Part III of this document for the purpose of calculating the performance fee payable to the Investment Manager under the Management Agreement
<b>Administration Agreement</b>	the administration agreement dated 1 May 2014, between the Company and the Administrator, summarised in paragraph 7.10 of Part VII of this document
<b>Administrator or External Valuer</b>	Citco Fund Services (Ireland) Limited
<b>Admission</b>	the admission of the C Shares to be issued pursuant to the Issue: (i) to the premium segment of the Official List; and (ii) to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities, becoming effective in accordance with the Listing Rules and the admission and disclosure standards of the London Stock Exchange
<b>AIC Code</b>	the Association of Investment Companies' Code of Corporate Governance, as amended from time to time
<b>AIC Guide</b>	the Association of Investment Companies' Corporate Governance Guide for Investment Companies, as amended from time to time
<b>AIF</b>	alternative investment fund
<b>AIFM</b>	alternative investment fund manager, being, at the date of this document, the Investment Manager
<b>AIFM Directive</b>	Directive 2011/61/EU on Alternative Investment Fund Managers
<b>AIFM Rules</b>	the AIFM Directive and all applicable rules and regulations implementing the AIFM Directive in the UK
<b>API</b>	application programming interface
<b>Articles</b>	the articles of association of the Company as at the date of this document
<b>Auditors</b>	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP or such other auditor as the Company may appoint from time to time
<b>Benefit Plan Investor</b>	a "benefit plan investor" as defined in Section 3(42) of ERISA and any regulations promulgated by the US Department of Labor thereunder, being "employee benefit plans" as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA that are subject to Title I of ERISA, "plans" that are subject to the prohibited transaction provisions of Section 4975 of the US Internal Revenue Code, and entities the assets of which are treated as "plan assets" under Section 3(42) of ERISA and any regulations promulgated thereunder
<b>borrower member</b>	a borrower via a Platform

<b>Broker Agreement</b>	the engagement letter dated 10 April 2014, between the Company and Liberum, summarised in paragraph 7.20 of Part VII of this document
<b>Business Day</b>	a day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays or public holidays in England and Wales) on which banks generally are open for business in London for the transaction of normal business
<b>C Shares</b>	C shares (other than the Existing C Shares) of 10 pence each in the capital of the Company having the rights and restrictions set out in paragraph 3.18 of Part VII of this document
<b>Calculation Date</b>	the time and date referred to in paragraph 3.18(l) of Part VII of this document
<b>Capita Asset Services or Capita</b>	a trading name of Capita Registrars Limited
<b>CDO</b>	collateralised debt obligation
<b>certificated form</b>	not in uncertificated form
<b>Certificates</b>	certificates issued by LC Trust I, a trust affiliated with Lending Club, representing interests in consumer loans acquired by Lending Club
<b>Company</b>	P2P Global Investments PLC
<b>Company Secretary</b>	Capita Company Secretarial Services Limited
<b>Company Secretarial Agreement</b>	the agreement dated 1 May 2014, between the Company and the Company Secretary, summarised in paragraph 7.13 of Part VII of this document
<b>Conversion</b>	the conversion of C Shares into new Ordinary Shares, as described in paragraph 3.18(l) of Part VII of this document
<b>Conversion Date</b>	the time and date referred to in paragraph 3.18(l) of Part VII of this document
<b>Conversion Ratio</b>	the ratio at which the C Shares convert into Ordinary Shares
<b>Credit Assets</b>	(i) consumer loans, SME loans, corporate loans, and advances and loans against corporate trade receivables and other assets, which have been originated via Platforms; and (ii) facilities, securities and/or other interests backed by a portfolio of any of the aforementioned loans, assets or receivables
<b>CREST</b>	the relevant system as defined in the CREST Regulations in respect of which Euroclear is the operator (as defined in the CREST Regulations) in accordance with which securities may be held in uncertificated form
<b>CREST Regulations</b>	the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI 2001 No. 2001/3755), as amended
<b>Crossflow</b>	Crossflow Payment Solutions Trading Limited
<b>Deferred Shares</b>	deferred shares of 0.1 pence each in the capital of the Company arising on Conversion
<b>Depository</b>	Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A.

<b>Depository Agreement</b>	the depository agreement dated 14 May 2014, between the Company, the AIFM and the Depository, summarised in paragraph 7.9 of Part VII of this document
<b>Designated Investments</b>	level 1 and level 2 assets of the Company pursuant to IFRS 7
<b>Directors or Board</b>	the board of directors of the Company
<b>Disclosure and Transparency Rules</b>	the disclosure and transparency rules made by the FCA under Part VI of FSMA
<b>Eaglewood</b>	Eaglewood Capital Management LLC
<b>Eaglewood Europe</b>	Eaglewood Europe LLP
<b>Eaglewood Funds</b>	the Eaglewood Income Fund and the Eaglewood Small Business Fund
<b>Eaglewood Income Fund</b>	Eaglewood Income Fund I, LP
<b>Eaglewood Small Business Fund</b>	Eaglewood Small Business Fund, LP
<b>EEA</b>	European Economic Area
<b>ERISA</b>	the United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended
<b>Euroclear</b>	Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited
<b>Existing C Shares</b>	the 25,000,000 C Shares in issue at the date of this document
<b>Expected Average Life</b>	the expected weighted average time for the receipt of principal payments
<b>External Valuer Agreement</b>	the external valuer services agreement dated 1 May 2014, between the Company and the External Valuer, summarised in paragraph 7.11 of Part VII of this document
<b>FATCA</b>	the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act
<b>FCA</b>	the Financial Conduct Authority, being the single regulatory authority for the UK financial services industry
<b>FDIC</b>	the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
<b>FICO</b>	the Fair Isaac Corporation, being the entity which calculates credit scores in the United States
<b>First Admission</b>	the admission on 30 May 2014 of the existing Ordinary Shares issued in connection with the First Placing and Offer (i) to the premium segment of the Official List; and (ii) to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities, becoming effective in accordance with the Listing Rules and the admission and disclosure standards of the London Stock Exchange
<b>First C Share Placing and Offer</b>	the placing and intermediaries offer of 25 million C Shares in January 2015
<b>First Placing and Offer</b>	the placing and intermediaries offer of 20 million Ordinary Shares in May 2014

<b>FSMA</b>	the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended
<b>Funding Circle (UK)</b>	Funding Circle Limited
<b>Funding Circle (US)</b>	Funding Circle USA, Inc.
<b>Gross Assets</b>	the gross assets of the Company as determined in accordance with the accounting principles adopted by the Company from time to time
<b>Group</b>	the Company and its subsidiary undertakings from time to time
<b>Harmony</b>	Harmony Limited
<b>HMRC</b>	HM Revenue & Customs
<b>IFRS</b>	International Financial Reporting Standards
<b>Intermediaries</b>	the entities listed in paragraph 14 of Part VII of this document, together with any other intermediary (if any) that is appointed by the Company in connection with the Intermediaries Offer after the date of this document
<b>Intermediaries Agreement</b>	the agreement dated 30 June 2015 upon which the Intermediaries have agreed to be appointed by the Company to act as an Intermediary in the Intermediaries Offer and pursuant to which the Intermediaries may apply for C Shares in the Intermediaries Offer, details of which are set out in paragraph 7.2 of Part VII of this document
<b>Intermediaries Offer</b> or <b>Offer</b>	the offer of C Shares by the Intermediaries
<b>Intermediaries Offer Adviser</b>	Scott Harris UK Ltd
<b>Investment Manager</b>	Eaglewood Europe LLP
<b>Issue</b>	the Placing and the Intermediaries Offer
<b>Issue Price</b>	£10 per C Share
<b>Joint Bookrunners</b>	Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove
<b>J.P. Morgan Cazenove</b>	J.P. Morgan Securities plc, which conducts its UK investment banking activities as J.P. Morgan Cazenove
<b>Latest Practicable Date</b>	close of business on 25 June 2015, being the latest practicable date prior to the date of this document for ascertaining certain information contained herein
<b>lender member</b>	a lender via a Platform
<b>Lending Club</b>	Lending Club Corporation
<b>Liberum</b>	Liberum Capital Limited, the Company's sponsor, joint broker and joint bookrunner
<b>Listing Rules</b>	the listing rules made by the UK Listing Authority under section 73A of FSMA

<b>Loan Administration Agreement</b>	the loan administration agreement and account bank agreement dated 29 May 2014, between the Company, the Investment Manager and the Loan Administrator, summarised in paragraph 7.5 of Part VII of this document
<b>Loan Administrator</b>	Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch
<b>London Stock Exchange</b>	London Stock Exchange plc
<b>Management Agreement</b>	the investment management agreement dated 14 May 2014, between the Investment Manager and the Company, summarised in paragraph 7.8 of Part VII of this document
<b>Management Fee</b>	the management fee payable to the Investment Manager under the Management Agreement and described in Part III of this document
<b>Member State</b>	any member state of the European Economic Area
<b>Money Laundering Regulations</b>	the Money Laundering Regulations 2007
<b>MW Eaglewood</b>	MW Eaglewood Management Limited
<b>NAV or Net Asset Value</b>	the value of the assets of the Company less its liabilities, determined in accordance with the accounting principles adopted by the Company from time to time
<b>NAV per C Share or Net Asset Value per C Share</b>	the Net Asset Value attributable to the C Shares divided by the number of C Shares in issue
<b>NAV per Ordinary Share or Net Asset Value per Ordinary Share</b>	the Net Asset Value attributable to the Ordinary Shares divided by the number of Ordinary Shares in issue
<b>NISA</b>	a New Individual Savings Account maintained in accordance with the Individual Savings Account Regulations 1998
<b>Note</b>	a borrower payment dependent note issued by certain US Platforms to their lender members and representing a fractional interest in an underlying loan
<b>OFAC</b>	Office of Foreign Assets Control
<b>Official List</b>	the official list maintained by the UK Listing Authority
<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	ordinary shares of £0.01 each in the capital of the Company
<b>P2P</b>	peer-to-peer
<b>Placee</b>	the persons with whom C Shares are placed pursuant to the Placing
<b>Placing</b>	the conditional placing of Placing Shares by Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove at the Issue Price pursuant to the Placing Agreement
<b>Placing Agreement</b>	the conditional agreement dated 30 June 2015, between the Company, the Investment Manager, Liberum and J.P. Morgan Cazenove, summarised in paragraph 7.1 of Part VII of this document
<b>Placing Shares</b>	the C Shares to be issued under the Placing
<b>Plan</b>	the dividend reinvestment plan offered by the Company

<b>Platforms</b>	origination platforms that allow non-bank capital to: (a) lend or advance capital to consumers, SME borrowers or corporate borrowers; and/or (b) advance capital against corporate trade receivables
<b>Prospectus Directive</b>	Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union and any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member States
<b>Prospectus Rules</b>	the rules and regulations made by the FCA under Part VI of FSMA
<b>Prosper</b>	Prosper Funding LLC
<b>RateSetter</b>	a trade mark of Retail Money Market Limited
<b>Register</b>	the register of members of the Company
<b>Registrar</b>	Capita Asset Services
<b>Registrar Agreement</b>	the agreement dated 1 May 2014, between the Company and the Registrar, summarised in paragraph 7.12 of Part VII of this document
<b>Regulatory Information Service</b>	a service authorised by the UK Listing Authority to release regulatory announcements to the London Stock Exchange
<b>Relevant Member State</b>	each Member State which has implemented the Prospectus Directive or where the Prospectus Directive is applied by the regulator
<b>SEC</b>	the United States Securities and Exchange Commission
<b>Securities Act</b>	the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended
<b>Shareholder</b>	a holder of Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares, as the context requires
<b>Shares</b>	Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares, as the context requires
<b>SIPP</b>	a self-invested personal pension as defined in Regulation 3 of the Retirement Benefits Schemes (Restriction on Discretion to Approve) (Permitted Investments) Regulations 2001 of the UK
<b>SMEs</b>	small and medium-sized enterprises
<b>SPV</b>	special purpose vehicle
<b>Sub-Management Agreement</b>	the agreement dated 29 April 2014, between the Investment Manager and the Sub-Manager
<b>Sub-Manager</b>	Eaglewood Capital Management LLC
<b>Takeover Code</b>	The City Code on Takeovers and Mergers
<b>Tap Issue</b>	the issue of 1,999,999 new Ordinary Shares in June 2015
<b>UK</b>	the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
<b>UK Listing Authority or UKLA</b>	the FCA acting in its capacity as the competent authority for the purposes of admissions to the Official List

<b>uncertificated or in uncertificated form</b>	a Share recorded on the Register as being held in uncertificated form in CREST and title to which, by virtue of the CREST Regulations, may be transferred by means of CREST
<b>Underlying Applicants</b>	investors who wish to acquire C Shares under the Intermediaries Offer
<b>United States or US</b>	the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any state of the United States of America and the District of Columbia
<b>Upstart</b>	Upstart Network Inc.
<b>US Code</b>	the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended
<b>US Investment Company Act</b>	the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended
<b>US Person</b>	a US Person as defined for the purposes of Regulation S
<b>Zopa</b>	Zopa Limited

