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# **Neuberger Berman Investment Funds plc**

# - Neuberger Berman Global Equity Megatrends Fund

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Quick facts			
Manager:	Neuberger Berman Asset Management Ireland Limited		
Sub-Investment Manager(s):	Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC, located in the USA (internal delegation) Neuberger Berman Europe Limited, located in England (internal delegation)		
Depositary:	Brown Brothers Harriman Trustee Services (Ireland) Limited		
Ongoing charges over a year:	AUD A Accumulating Class: AUD A Distributing Class: EUR A Accumulating Class: EUR A Distributing Class: GBP A Accumulating Class: GBP A Distributing Class: HKD A Accumulating Class: HKD A Accumulating Class: HKD A Distributing Class: SGD A Accumulating Class: SGD A Distributing Class: USD A Accumulating Class: USD A Distributing Class:	2.00% (b) 2.00% (a) 2.00% (a) 2.00% (b) 1.93% (a) 2.00% (b) d financial statements of the Fund (2023 expressed as a percentage of a) of the relevant class for the same a year to year. subscription but has not yet been harge is therefore estimated based ilar fee structure, and is expressed expenses over the average NAV of	
Base currency:	USD		
Financial year end of this Fund:	31 December		
Dealing frequency:	Daily		
Dividend policy:	Accumulating Shares: No dividends will be paid. Distributing Shares: Dividends may be payable at such frequency and amounts according to the share class at the discretion of the Directors of Neuberger Berman Investment Funds plc (the "Directors"), as disclosed in the offering documents. The Directors may, at their discretion, pay dividends out of the capital and/or effectively out of the capital of the		

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	Fund. Any distribution involving payment of dividends out of the Fund's capital may result in an immediate reduction in the NAV per share.			
Minimum investment:		Currency:	<u>Initial:</u>	Additional:
	"A" Class Shares:	AUD EUR GBP SGD	1,000	None
		USD HKD	10,000	None

# What is this product?

This fund is constituted in the form of a mutual fund corporation. It is domiciled in Dublin, Ireland and its home regulator is the Central Bank of Ireland ("CBI").

# **Objectives and Investment Strategy**

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to achieve long-term capital appreciation through investment in a portfolio of equity holdings that are exposed to global long-term secular themes (as described below).

The Fund will seek to achieve its objective by investing primarily (i.e. at least two-thirds of its NAV) in equity securities that are listed or traded on Recognised Markets (as defined in the Prospectus) globally (which may include Emerging Market Countries (as defined in the Prospectus)) and issued by companies across all market capitalisations and industrial sectors. It is the intention of the Sub-Investment Manager to invest a maximum of 20% of the Fund's NAV in Emerging Market Countries.

In seeking to achieve the Fund's investment objective, the Sub-Investment Manager pursues the following investment process:

- Identifies secular themes (i.e. broad changes and trends affecting societies, economies and industries) that have the potential for long-term influence (e.g. the rising value of water).
- Undertakes qualitative business analysis to identify companies which operate within those identified themes (e.g. companies that focus on water infrastructure, water treatment and management): Conducts in-depth research and analysis of companies, including of company/business models, quality of management, competitive strength and record of success.
- Undertakes quantitative screening: Screens for stocks that the Sub-Investment Manager believes to have the potential for high return on equity and cash flow strength that stand to benefit from a particular theme.
- Transaction Discipline: Seeks companies that the Sub-Investment Manager believes to have 50% 100% capital appreciation potential over three to five years and determine entry and exit price targets
  based on current market prices for the securities and the preceding analysis that guide buy and sell
  decisions.

The Sub-Investment Manager conducts fundamental research to seek to identify multiple globally applicable long-term themes that result from secular shifts based on factors such as demographic, technological, environmental and societal changes. The themes identified by the Sub-Investment Manager are expected to typically have a minimum investment time horizon of 7-10 years.

The Fund seeks to adopt a high conviction approach, which is expected to result in a concentrated portfolio of 20-30 stocks.

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The Fund seeks to reduce risk by diversifying among many industries within the countries and economic sectors. Although it has the flexibility to invest a significant portion of its assets in one country or region, it generally intends to remain diversified across countries and geographical regions.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its NAV directly in (i) China A Shares through Stock Connect which is a securities trading and clearing linked program establishing mutual stock market access between the People's Republic of China ("PRC") and Hong Kong and through the qualified foreign investors regime which is a program permitting certain licensed international investors to participate in the PRC's stock exchanges; and (ii) China B Shares.

The Fund may invest in debt instruments issued by corporate or government issuers, which may be rated or unrated and may have fixed or floating interest rates, but it may not invest more than 30% of its NAV in debt instruments which are rated below investment grade.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its NAV in aggregate in other collective investment schemes.

Further, ESG risks and opportunities are considered in the selection of securities to be invested by the Fund. ESG represents governance (being the way in which the company is run), environmental issues (such as the impact on natural resources) and social issues (such as human rights). The Sub-Investment Manager applies the (i) Neuberger Berman Global Standards Policy, (ii) Neuberger Berman Controversial Weapons Policy, and (iii) Neuberger Berman Thermal Coal Involvement Policy, when determining what investments to make for the Fund. For details on the ESG policies and exclusions applied by the Fund, please refer to the "Sustainable Investment Criteria" section of and "Sustainability Related Disclosure" in Annex VI to the Prospectus, as well as the Supplement and SFDR Annex of the Fund.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments ("FDI") (including, without limitation, warrants, equity rights, convertible bonds and convertible preferred stock and options) for investment, efficient portfolio management and/or hedging purposes.

The Fund will not utilise securities lending agreements. The maximum proportion of the Fund's NAV that can be subject to repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements (over-the-counter based) ("Repo Contracts") is 10% and the expected proportion of the Fund's NAV that will be subject to Repo Contracts is 3%. The expected proportion is not a limit and the actual percentage may vary over time depending on factors including, but not limited to, market conditions.

The Fund is actively managed and does not intend to track the MSCI World Index (Total Return, Net of Tax, USD) which is included in this document for performance comparison purposes only.

# Use of financial derivative instruments / investment in financial derivative instruments

The Fund's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of the Fund's NAV.

# What are the key risks?

Investment involves risks. Please refer to the offering document for details including the risk factors.

#### **Investment Risk**

The Fund's investment portfolio may fall in value due to any of the key risk factors below and therefore

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your investment in the Fund may suffer losses. There is no guarantee of the repayment of principal.

#### **Equity Securities Risk**

Equity securities represent ownership interests in a company or corporation, and include common stock, preferred stock and warrants and other rights to acquire such instruments. Investment in equity securities in general are subject to market risks that may cause their prices to fluctuate over time due to various factors, such as changes in investment sentiment, political and economic conditions and company-specific factors.

#### **Concentration Risk**

The Fund's investments are concentrated in companies that offer exposure to the secular themes identified by the Sub-Investment Manager. Also, the Fund may at certain times hold large positions in a relatively limited number of issuers, investments, industries or markets including, without limitation, as a result of price shifts of its investments, changes in the composition of the Fund's overall portfolio and other factors. The Fund could be subject to significant losses if it holds a relatively large position in a single issuer or a particular type of investment that declines in value and the losses could increase even further if the investments cannot be liquidated without adverse market reaction or are otherwise adversely affected by changes in market conditions or circumstances. The value of the Fund may be more volatile than that of a fund having a more diverse portfolio of investments.

The Fund may at times invest a significant portion of its assets in certain geographical areas. The Fund will have greater exposure to adverse market, political, policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal, regulatory, economic and social risks of that areas. The value of the Fund concentrated in specific geographical areas may be more volatile than a fund having a more diverse portfolio of investments.

#### Risk associated with Small-Capitalisation / Mid-Capitalisation Companies

The risk associated with investments in small-capitalisation / mid-capitalisation companies is greater than the risk which is customarily associated with investments in larger, more established companies due to the greater business risks of small size, limited markets and financial resources, narrow product lines and a frequent lack of depth of management. The securities of small or medium-sized companies are often traded over-the-counter, and may not be traded in volumes typical of securities traded on a national securities exchange. Consequently, the securities of smaller companies may have lower liquidity, higher price volatility and limited market stability and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements due to adverse economic developments than securities of larger, more established companies or the market averages in general. In a declining market these stocks can also be hard to sell at a price that is beneficial to the Fund.

#### **Currency Risk**

Underlying investments of the Fund may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency of the Fund. Also, a class of shares may be designated in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund. Adverse movements in the exchange rates between these currencies and the base currency and any changes in exchange rate controls can result in a decrease in return and a loss of capital. The Fund may have share classes which attempt to mitigate adverse exchange rate fluctuations between the share class currency and the base currency of the Fund. Investors in these share classes may be exposed to fluctuations in the NAV per share reflecting the gains or losses on, and the costs of, the relevant financial instruments. There is no guarantee that such strategy will be successful and may substantially limit the benefits if the share class currency falls against the base currency of the Fund.

# Risks relating to the use of FDI

Risks associated with FDI include counterparty/credit risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk and over-the-counter transaction risk. The leverage element/component of an FDI can result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested in the FDI by the Fund. Exposure to FDI may lead to a high

risk of significant loss by the Fund.

FDI may be used for hedging purposes. Hedging is a technique used to seek to minimise an exposure created from an underlying position by counteracting such exposure by means of acquiring an offsetting position. The use of hedging techniques may limit the potential upside of the Fund. There is no guarantee that such hedging techniques will be effective and there may be residual exposure of underlying positions remaining unhedged.

# Risks associated with distribution out of / effectively out of capital

In respect of Distributing Shares, the Fund may at its discretion pay dividends out of the capital and/or effectively out of the capital of the Fund. Dividends paid out of the capital and/or effectively out of the capital amount to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Such dividends may result in an immediate reduction of the NAV of the relevant shares.

The distribution amount and NAV of any hedged share class may be adversely affected by differences in the interest rates of the reference currency of the hedged share class and the Fund's base currency, resulting in an increase in the amount of distribution that is paid out of capital and hence a greater erosion of capital than non-hedged share classes.

# How has the Fund performed?



- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-To-NAV, with dividend reinvested.
- These figures show by how much the USD A Accumulating Class increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. The USD A Accumulating Class is the representative share class selected, being the share class available to the retail public in Hong Kong which is denominated in the Fund's base currency with the longest track record. Performance data has been calculated in USD including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay.
- Where no past performance is shown there was insufficient data available in that year to provide performance.

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- The benchmark of the Fund is the MSCI World Index (Total Return, net of tax, USD).
- Fund launch date: 2018
- USD A Accumulating Class launch date: 2018

# Is there any guarantee?

This Fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.

# What are the fees and charges?

# Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the shares of the Fund.

<u>Fee</u>	What you pay
Subscription fee	Up to 5% of the amount you buy^
(Initial Sales Charge)	
Switching fee	Up to 1% of the subscription amount^
(Exchange Charge)	
Redemption fee	N/A^

<sup>^</sup> Additional fees and service charges in respect of subscriptions for, redemptions of and exchange of shares may be payable by investors to intermediaries/distributors through whom they invest in such amount as they may agree with the relevant intermediary/distributor.

## Ongoing fees payable by the Fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the Fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments.

Annual rate (as a % of the Fund's value)

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	Class Shares
Management fee	up to 1.60%
Depositary fee	no more than
	0.02%
Performance fee	N/A
Administration fee	no more than
	0.20%

# Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in the shares of the Fund.

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# **Additional Information**

- You generally buy and redeem shares at the Fund's next-determined NAV after the Administrator receives your request in good order on or before 3:00 pm (Irish time) on the relevant dealing day being the dealing cut-off time. The Hong Kong Representative/distributors may impose different dealing deadlines for receiving requests from investors.
- The NAV of the Fund is calculated and the price of shares published each "business day" at the following address: <a href="www.nb.com">www.nb.com</a>.
- Investors may obtain the past performance information of other share classes offered to Hong Kong investors from the Hong Kong Representative on request and at the following address: <a href="www.nb.com">www.nb.com</a>.
- The compositions of the dividends (i.e. the relative amounts paid from income and capital) for the last 12 months are available from the Hong Kong Representative on request and at the following address: <a href="www.nb.com">www.nb.com</a>. The Fund may amend the dividend policy subject to the SFC's prior approval and by giving not less than one month's notice to investors.
- Investors may obtain information on the intermediaries from the Fund's Hong Kong Representative, Neuberger Berman Asia Limited.
- The website mentioned in this document has not been reviewed by the SFC.

# **Important**

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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