# A Message from Your Fund's ACD

Account number:

Dear <Title, Surname>,

This is to notify you that JPM US Fund, a fund in which you own shares, is proposed for merger into JPM US Select Fund.

- For this merger to take effect, an extraordinary resolution must be passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") of Shareholders. It is important that you exercise your right to vote, either by attending in person or by using the enclosed Form of Proxy.
- If passed, this merger will occur as described in the Scheme provided in Appendix I.

Please take a moment to review the important information below. If you still have questions, please contact your usual J.P. Morgan Asset Management representative or call our UK-based Client Administration Centre on the numbers given below. You have a number of options, all of which are explained below.

**Ioan Roberts** for and on behalf of JPMorgan Funds Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (the "ACD")

# STEP 1: Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting - please vote by 11 April 2018 at 2.55pm

The meeting will be held at the location and time stated in the right-hand column.

Extraordinary Resolution for Shareholder Vote:

 That the scheme of arrangement (the "Scheme") for the merger of your fund with JPM US Select Fund, the terms of which are set out in a document dated 26 February 2018 and addressed by JPMorgan Funds Limited (the "ACD") to Shareholders in your fund, is hereby approved and that the ACD and the National Westminster Bank Plc, the depositary of the Company, are hereby instructed to implement the Scheme in accordance with the terms, as presented in Appendix I of this letter.

#### THE MEETING (EGM)

Location 60 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0JP

Date and time 13 April 2018 at 2.55pm

**Quorum** Two shareholders, in person or by proxy. If quorum is not met within 15 minutes after the time, the EGM will be adjourned to 2.55pm on 20 April 2018 at the same location. If at such adjourned EGM quorum is not met within 15 minutes after the time, one person entitled to be counted in a quorum at the EGM shall be a quorum.

**Voting threshold** The resolution will be passed by a majority of not less than 75% of the votes cast at the EGM. For further information please see 'Additional Information' below.

Voting result Will be made available at:

http://am.jpmorgan.co.uk/investor/

THE FUND

Company JPMorgan Fund ICVC

Legal form Open Ended Investment Company ("OEIC") Fund type UCITS

Your fund JPM US Fund Receiving fund (fund into which your fund is

merging) JPM US Select Fund

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

You may vote in person or by appointing a proxy, however, please ensure you follow the result of the vote.

• To vote by proxy, use the enclosed Form of Proxy.

If you choose to vote by using the Form of Proxy, your vote must be deposited with **Paragon**, **Enterprise House Unit 15, Rolling Mill Road**, **Jarrow**, **NE32 3DP** no later than **11 April 2018 at 2.55pm**. Please note that if we do not receive your Form of Proxy by this date, your vote will not count.

• To vote in person, attend the EGM in person. Completion of a Form of Proxy will not prevent you attending the EGM and voting in person.

# STEP 2: Fund merger - option to take action ends 24 April 2018 at 11.59am

**Reason for merger** Your fund and the receiving fund have overlapping investment strategies and the ACD wishes to continue to offer the strategy followed by the receiving fund as it believes that has better prospects for future growth. The potential benefits of the merger are provided in the "impact" section below.

**If the proposed merger is approved**, the Scheme will be binding on each Shareholder in your fund whether or not they voted in favour of the Extraordinary Resolution or at all. On the Business Day following the EGM, your fund may commence the rebalancing process, as described in point 3.3 of the Scheme.

If the proposed merger is not approved, your fund will continue to be managed without change and the ACD may consider other available options.

#### YOUR OPTIONS

- 1 If you are comfortable with the merger, your shares will automatically be exchanged for shares of the receiving fund on the merger date. Any shares of your fund that you still own after the deadline will be exchanged for shares of the receiving fund.
- **2 Switch your investment to another fund in our OEIC range.** We must receive your dealing instructions by the deadline shown in the right-hand column. Be sure to read the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for any fund you are considering switching into, and for further information, the prospectus.
- 3 Redeem your investment. We must receive your dealing instructions by the deadline shown in the right-hand column. In the instance that we require additional documentation from you to release proceeds, we will write to you with our requirements.

THE MERGER Merger date 28 April 2018 Deadline for receipt of switch/ redemption orders 24 April 2018 at 11.59am Your fund JPM US Fund Receiving fund (fund into which your fund is merging) JPM US Select Fund

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Address 3 Lochside View, Edinburgh Park, Edinburgh EH12 9DH (Do Not Use for Correspondence) You may want to review these options with your tax adviser and your financial adviser as all options could have tax consequences. Note for UK tax resident investors, option 1 should not constitute a disposal of shares in your fund for UK capital gains tax purposes. New shares issued under the Scheme in the receiving fund will be deemed to have the same acquisition cost and acquisition date for the purposes of UK capital gains tax as the shares you originally acquired.

Regardless of which option you choose, you will not be charged any redemption or switch fees so long as we receive your dealing instructions before the deadline.

A merger statement will be mailed to you within 10 days of the merger date. Additional information, including the KIID, prospectus and most recent financial reports of both funds are available at http://am.jpmorgan.co.uk/investor/ or from the Client Administration Centre.

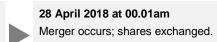
# Merger timeline and impact

This section outlines key information relating to the merger. Further information is contained in the detailed fund comparison that follows as well as in the relevant prospectus and KIIDs.

The detailed Scheme of Arrangement, setting out the process for the Merger, is included in Appendix 1.

**Key Dates** 

24 April 2018 at 11.59am Deadline for receiving all dealing instructions.



**30 April 2018** New shares available for dealing.

The changes are being made to the relevant prospectus or Key Investor Information document (KIID), revised versions of which will be available at <u>www.jpmorgan.co.uk/investor</u>. As with all Fund investments, it is important to understand and remain familiar with the relevant KIID(s). Other than the period when switch and redemption fees are waived, note that all other switch and redemption conditions and restrictions in the prospectus still apply.

When the merger occurs, all assets and liabilities of your fund will be transferred to the receiving fund. An application will be made to the FCA for the termination of the merging fund to commence as soon as possible after the merger has taken place.

If the proposed merger is approved, the current annual accounting period of the merging fund will end on the day before the effective date of the Scheme. Any income earned up to the effective date of the merger will be paid to holders of income shares within 3 months of the merger date. The income entitlement of holders of accumulation shares will be credited to capital and allocated to accumulation shares and will be taken into account when calculating the value of new shares in the receiving fund to be issued to such holders under the Scheme.

All shares remaining in your fund at the merger date are exchanged free of charge for shares in the equivalent share class of the receiving fund, based on the net asset value per share in effect that day for both funds.

The value of the shares you own in your fund and the new shares you receive in the receiving fund will be the same but you may receive a different number of shares.

# Impact

Key differences in investment policy between your fund and the receiving fund	•	Your fund invests systematically in equity securities with specific style characteristics, such as value, quality and momentum in price and earnings trends, while the receiving fund uses an investment process that is based on the fundamental analysis of companies and their future earnings and cash flows.
Potential benefits	•	If you are invested in the A, B or C Share Classes, the merger will give you the benefit of investing in a fund with lower fees.
Potential drawbacks	٠	One-time expenses associated with trading, transferring and reinvesting your fund's assets, which are estimated to be around 0.21%, will be borne by your fund.

	• On the merger date, and during the three business days before that, you will not be able to subscribe for, switch or redeem shares in your fund.
Other considerations	<ul> <li>Your fund will not bear any additional legal, advisory or administrative costs associated with the merger.</li> <li>The portfolio of your fund somewhat resembles that of the receiving fund, however some rebalancing of the assets will be required in preparation for the merger.</li> <li>Performance information for your fund and the receiving fund can be found in the relevant KIID or factsheet which is available from the document library at www.jpmorgan.co.uk/investor.</li> </ul>

# **Fund comparison**

This table compares the relevant information for your fund with that of the receiving fund. Unless stated otherwise, terms in this table have the same meaning as in the relevant prospectus.

- Information that appears in a box is information that is particular to the fund named at the top of that column.
- Information that crosses both columns is information that is the same for both funds.

	JPMorgan ICVC- JPM US Fund	JPMorgan ICVC – JPM US Select Fund
Investments and Risk		
Objectives and investment policies	To provide capital growth over the long term by investing primarily through a portfolio invested in the shares of US companies.	To invest in a portfolio of North American securities. The current policy is to invest for capital growth without any distribution target.
	US companies are companies that are incorporated under the laws of, and have their registered office in, the US, or that derive the predominant part of their economic activity from the US, even if listed elsewhere.	North American securities are securities issued by companies that are incorporated under the laws of, and have their registered office in, North America, or that derive the predominant part of their economic activity from North America, even if listed elsewhere.
	Other instruments as permitted in the stated investment and borrowing powers of the Company including, but not limited to, fixed income securities, cash and cash equivalents may be held on an ancillary basis, as appropriate.	The Fund seeks to assess the impact of environmental, social and governance factors (including accounting and tax policies, disclosure and investor communication, shareholder rights and remuneration policies) on the cash flows of many companies in which it may invest to identify issuers that the Investment Manager believes will be negatively impacted by such factors relative to other issuers. These determinations may not be conclusive and securities of such issuers may be purchased and retained by the Fund.

The Fund will invest predominantly in assets denominated in US Dollar. However, assets may be denominated in other currencies and non-Sterling currency exposure will not normally be hedged back to Sterling.

Risk and reward	All classes: category 5	
category	1 3	ry 1 indicates lower risk (but is not risk-free) and lower potential higher risk and higher potential reward.
Risk factors	The value of your investment may fall as well invested.	as rise and you may get back less than you originally
	<ul> <li>The value of Equity and Equity-Linked Securit individual companies and general market con-</li> </ul>	ties may fluctuate in response to the performance of ditions.
	<ul> <li>The single market in which the Fund primarily invests, in this case the US, may be subject to particular political and economic risks and, as a result, the Fund may be more volatile than more broadly diversified funds.</li> </ul>	
	Movements in currency exchange rates can a	dversely affect the return of your investment
	Please refer to Part 11 of this Prospectus for details of the general risk factors affecting this Fund in addition to the specific risk factors above.	
Benchmark	S&P 500 Index (Net of 15% withholding tax)	
Fund sizes at 6	£428.87m	£189.03m

Charges		
Maximum Preliminary	A Shares:	Nil
charge	B Shares:	Nil
	C Shares: Nil	
	I Shares:	Nil
Maximum exit charge	All share class	ses: Nil
Annual Fee of ACD	A Shares: 1.50%	A Shares: 1.00%
	B Shares; 1.00%	B Shares: 0.65%
	C Shares: 0.75%	C Shares: 0.50%
	I Shares: 0.60%	
Operating Expense	A Shares: 0.15	5% max
Rates	B Shares; 0.15% max	
	C Shares: 0.15% max	
	I Shares:	Nil
Performance fee	All share classes: Nil	
Ongoing Charge	A Shares: 1.65% max	A Shares: 1.15% max
Figure	B Shares; 1.15% max	B Shares: 0.80% max
	C Shares: 0.90% max	C Shares: 0.65% max
	I Shares: 0.60%	

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- We strongly encourage you to either attend the EGM and vote in person or **by completing and returning the** enclosed Form of Proxy in the pre-paid envelope provided. If you choose to vote by completing the Form of Proxy, it must be received by 2.55pm on 11 April 2018.
- The resolution will be proposed as an "Extraordinary Resolution" and must be carried by a majority in favour of not less than 75% of the votes validly cast at the EGM (persons who are Shareholders on 6 February 2018, but excluding persons who are known to the ACD not to be Shareholders at the time of the EGM, are entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum) in respect of those shares. Once passed an Extraordinary Resolution is binding on all Shareholders whether or not they voted in favour of the Extraordinary Resolution.
- National Westminster Bank Plc, the Depositary, has appointed Daniel Watkins (or failing him any other duly appointed representative of the Authorised Corporate Director (the "ACD")) to be chairman of the EGM.
- In view of the importance of the proposal, the chairman of the EGM will order a poll to be taken in respect of the
  resolution. On a poll, the voting rights attached to each share are such proportion of the voting rights attached to all of
  the shares in issue that the price of the share bears to the aggregate price of prices of all shares in issue. A
  Shareholder entitled to more than one vote on a poll need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses
  the same way.
- The ACD may not be counted in the quorum for the EGM. Neither the ACD nor any associate of the ACD is entitled to vote at the EGM except in respect of shares which the ACD or an associate holds on behalf of, or jointly with, a person who, if the registered Shareholder, would be entitled to vote and from whom the ACD or associate has received voting instructions.
- For shares held jointly the vote of the senior Shareholder who votes must be accepted to the exclusion of the other joint Shareholders. For this purpose seniority must be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Shareholders.
- If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the EGM the EGM will be adjourned to 2.55pm on 20 April 2018.
- The enclosed Form of Proxy will remain valid for any adjourned EGM (if required), unless expressly revoked. We will notify Shareholders of any adjournment as soon as practical by post.
- You may switch or redeem your holding to another JPMorgan ICVC fund free of charge if you do not wish your holding to be considered for the merger, provided JPMorgan receives your valid dealing instruction before 11.59am on 24 April 2018. If you are an ISA holder and you do switch or redeem your investment and the proceeds or shares are removed

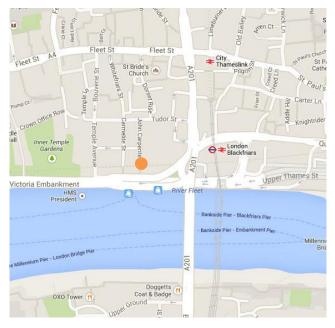
from the ISA wrapper they will no longer benefit from the tax advantages associated with an ISA.

- All shares in the merging fund as at close of business on 27 April 2018 will be exchanged for new shares in the receiving fund.
- Note that all other switch and redemption conditions and restrictions in the prospectus still apply, even during the period when switch and redemption fees are waived.
- If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Client Administration Centre. Please note that we do not provide financial or tax advice.

# **KEY DATES & LOCATION OF THE MEETING**



**Note:** If you would like to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at 60 Victoria Embankment, London, EC4Y 0JP on 13 April 2018, please find directions below:



# **APPENDIX I: The Scheme**

This section details the scheme of arrangement for the proposed merger of the Merging Fund with the Receiving Fund.

#### 1. Definitions and Interpretation

- 1.1 In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, words and terms have the meanings set out in the Glossary to this document in Appendix 2
- 1.2 In addition, where relevant in the context, terms which are defined in the FCA Rules or the OEIC Regulations shall have the same meaning in this Scheme.
- 1.3 References to paragraphs are to paragraphs of the Scheme.
- 1.4 If there is any conflict between the Scheme and the instrument of incorporation or prospectus of the Company, the instrument of incorporation will prevail. If there is any conflict between the Scheme and the FCA Rules, then the FCA Rules will prevail.

#### 2. The Proposed Merger

2.1 The ACD proposes that the Merging Fund be merged with the Receiving Fund as set out in this Appendix.

#### 3. Approval of Shareholders

- 3.1 The proposed merger of the Merging Fund with the Receiving Fund is conditional upon the passing of an Extraordinary Resolution at the EGM, by which Shareholders approve the Scheme and authorise the implementation of the proposed Merger of the Merging Fund with the Receiving Fund.
- 3.2 If the Extraordinary Resolution is passed, the Merger will be binding on all Shareholders, whether or not they vote in favour of it or vote at all, and the Scheme will be implemented as set out in the following paragraphs.
- 3.3 If the proposed Merger of the Merging Fund with the Receiving Fund is approved by Shareholders of the Merging Fund, the ACD shall, in order to facilitate the implementation of the Scheme, thereafter manage the Merging Fund with a view to ensuring that the assets of the Merging Fund shall, immediately prior to the Effective Date, be consistent with the investment objective and policy of the Receiving Fund.

#### 4. Cessation of dealing in the Merging Fund

In order to facilitate the implementation of the Scheme, dealing in Shares in the Merging Fund will cease from 11.59 three Business Days before the Effective Date (which is expected to be 28 April 2018).

#### 5. Income allocation arrangements

- 5.1 The current annual accounting period of the Merging Fund will end at 23.59 on the day before the Effective Date.
- 5.2 The actual and estimated income (if any) available for allocation in respect of the period from the end of the previous accounting period to 28 April 2018 will be allocated to Shares in the Merging Fund.
- 5.3 All such available income allocated to Income Shares will be transferred to the distribution account of the Merging Fund and distributed to Shareholders (rateably in accordance with the number of Shares held by each of them respectively immediately prior to the Effective Date) within 3 months of the Effective Date. For the avoidance of doubt income so allocated shall not be included in the Fund Value which is used to calculate the number of New Shares to be issued under the Scheme.
- 5.4 All such available income allocated to Accumulation Shares will be transferred to the capital account of the Merging Fund and allocated to the Accumulation Shares (being reflected in the value of those Shares). Shareholders will receive distribution tax vouchers in respect of the income accumulated within 3 months of the Effective Date. The income so allocated to those Shares will be included in the Fund Value which is used to calculate the number of New Shares to be issued under the Scheme.

5.5 Any distributions in respect of the Merging Fund which are unclaimed six months from the Effective Date together with any unclaimed distributions in respect of previous accounting periods and any interest on these distributions shall be transferred to the Depositary. The Depositary shall hold such distributions, in a separate account, on the basis that such distributions shall not form part of the property of the Receiving Fund. However, any distributions which are unclaimed six years from the respective original dates of payment (together with any interest arising on such distributions as it accrues) shall be transferred by the Depositary (or its successor as depositary of the Receiving Fund) and will become part of the capital property of the Receiving Fund. Any distribution payment of a Fund which remains unclaimed after a period of six years from the date of payment, will be forfeited and will be transferred to and become part of that Fund's capital property. Thereafter, neither the Shareholder nor any successor will have any right to it except as part of the capital property.

# 6. Calculation of the value of the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund

- 6.1 The value of the Merging Fund (the "Fund Value") shall be calculated in accordance with the Company's instrument of incorporation at 00.01am on 28 April 2018 using the valuation carried out at 12 noon on 27 April 2018, less the income allocated to the Income Shares as set out in 5.3 above and any Retained Amount.
- 6.2 The value of the Receiving Fund shall be calculated in accordance with the Company's instrument of incorporation at 00.01am on 28 April 2018 using the valuation carried out at 12 noon on 27 April 2018.
- 6.3 In the event that the Fund Value or the value of the Receiving Fund moves significantly between the valuations which are carried out at 12 noon on 27 April 2018 and 00.01am on 28 April 2018, there may be a revaluation.
- 6.4 These valuations will be used to calculate the number of New Shares to be issued to each Shareholder under paragraph 8.

#### 7. Transfer of property of the Merging Fund to the Receiving Fund and issue of New Shares

- 7.1 As at and from 00.01am on the Effective Date:
- 7.1.1 the Depositary shall cease to hold the property of the Merging Fund (less the Retained Amount referred to in 11.2 below and subject to the income allocation arrangements set out in paragraph 5 above) as attributable to the Merging Fund, and shall hold the property as attributable to the Receiving Fund (the "Transferred Property") and the Depositary shall make or ensure the making of, such transfers and redesignations as may be necessary as a result. The Transferred Property will be full payment for the New Shares issued to Shareholders, who will be treated as exchanging their Shares for New Shares.
- 7.1.2. the ACD will issue New Shares in the Receiving Fund to Shareholders who are registered immediately prior to the Effective Date as holding Shares in the Merging Fund, free of any initial charge on the basis set out in paragraph 8 below
- 7.1.3 all Shares in the Merging Fund will be deemed to be cancelled and will cease to be of any value.
- 7.2 Shareholders in the Merging Fund will receive New Shares in the Receiving Fund in accordance with the Class of Shares they currently hold in the Merging Fund, as follows:

Shares	New Shares
Class A net accumulation	Class A net accumulation
Class A net income	Class A net income
Class B net accumulation	Class B net accumulation
Class B net income	Class B net income
Class C net accumulation	Class C net accumulation
Class C net income	Class C net income
Class I net accumulation	Class I net accumulation

#### 8. Basis for the issue of New Shares

- 8.1 New Shares will be issued to each Shareholder to the value of that Shareholder's individual entitlement to the Fund Value as at 00.01 a.m. on the Effective Date.
- 8.2 The value of each Shareholder's holding in the Receiving Fund immediately after the proposed Merger will be the same as that in the Merging Fund immediately before the proposed Merger.

- 8.3 The number of New Shares to be issued to each Shareholder will (if necessary) be rounded up to the nearest onethousandth of a New Share at the ACD's expense (which will, as soon as practicable after the Effective Date, accordingly pay into the Receiving Fund an amount equal to the value of the additional New Shares issued as a result of the rounding up).
- 8.4 The formula used in calculating a Shareholder's entitlement to New Shares will be available on request.

#### 9. Notification of the New Shares issued under the Scheme

- 9.1 Each Shareholder will be notified of the number and Class of New Shares issued under the Scheme. It is intended that this notification will be despatched within 10 days of the Effective Date by post to the Shareholder's address appearing in the Register of Shareholders (or, in the case of joint Shareholders, to the first-named). Upon despatch of such notifications, any documentation confirming ownership of Shares in the Merging Fund will cease to be valid. Certificates will not be issued in respect of New Shares.
- 9.2 Transfers or redemptions of New Shares issued under the Scheme may be effected from 30 April 2018.

#### 10 Mandates and other instructions in respect of Shares

Mandates and other instructions to the ACD in force immediately prior to the Effective Date in respect of Shares will be deemed to be effective in respect of New Shares issued under the Scheme and in respect of other later acquired Shares, if relevant. Shareholders may change these mandates or instructions at any time by providing the ACD with written notification.

## 11. Termination of the Merging Fund

- 11.1 In due course and conditional upon confirmation from the FCA, the Merging Fund will be terminated in accordance with the terms of the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus, the Scheme, the FCA Rules and the OEIC Regulations.
- 11.2 The Retained Amount (which will be made up of cash and other assets, if necessary) and any income arising on it, will be used by the Depositary (in its capacity as depositary of the Merging Fund) to pay outstanding liabilities of the Merging Fund in accordance with the directions and instructions of the ACD, provisions of the Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus of the Company, the FCA Rules and the OEIC Regulations.
- 11.3 If, on the completion of the termination of the Merging Fund there are any surplus monies remaining in the Merging Fund, they, together with any income arising therefrom, shall be transferred to the Receiving Fund. No further issue of New Shares shall be made as a result. The Depositary shall cease to hold the Retained Amount in its capacity as depositary of the Merging Fund and shall hold it in its capacity as depositary of the Receiving Fund and shall make such transfers and redesignations as may be necessary as a result.
- 11.4 If the Retained Amount is insufficient to discharge all the liabilities of the Merging Fund, the Depositary in its capacity as depositary of the Receiving Fund, under the direction and / or instruction of the ACD and where permitted by the FCA Rules and the OEIC Regulations, may pay the amount of the shortfall out of the scheme property attributable to the Receiving Fund in accordance with the OEIC Regulations and the FCA Rules. Any excess liabilities which cannot be so paid out of the scheme property of the Receiving Fund by the ACD.
- 11.5 On completion of the termination of the Merging Fund, the Depositary (in its capacity as depositary of the Merging Fund) and the ACD will be discharged from all their obligations and liabilities in respect of the Merging Fund, except those arising from a breach of duty before that time.
- 11.6 If after the completion of the termination of the Fund contingent assets should arise that were not recognised or only partly recognised by the ACD and the Depositary at the Effective Date, such assets will be transferred to the Receiving Fund less any costs that the ACD or the Depositary might incur in securing these assets for the Receiving Fund

#### 12. Costs, charges and expenses

- 12.1 The Depositary (in its capacity as depositary of the Merging Fund) and the ACD will continue to receive their usual fees and expenses for being the depositary and the ACD respectively of the Merging Fund out of the property of the Merging Fund which fall due or are incurred prior to the Effective Date or, in the case of permitted expenses only, are incurred in connection with the Scheme or on the termination of the Merging Fund after the Effective Date
- 12.2 The costs of rebalancing the assets in the underlying portfolio of the Merging Fund will be borne by the Merging Fund.

- 12.3 All costs and expenses associated with bringing this proposal to Shareholders' attention, the costs of convening and holding the EGM (and any adjourned EGM), the costs relating to the transfer of the Transferred Property to the Receiving Fund and the costs of terminating the Merging Fund if the Scheme is approved will be borne by the ACD. These include the fees and expenses of professional advisers and printing costs.
- 12.4 The ACD shall not be entitled to make any initial charge in respect of the New Shares in the Receiving Fund created and issued pursuant to the Scheme.

## 13. The ACD and the Depositary to rely on register and certificates

- 13.1 The ACD and the Depositary shall each be entitled to assume that all information contained in the Register of Shareholders of the Merging Fund on and immediately prior to the Effective Date is correct, and to utilise the same in calculating the number of New Shares to be issued and registered pursuant to the Scheme.
- 13.2 The ACD and the Depositary shall each be entitled to act and rely upon any certificate, opinion, evidence or information furnished to it by the other or by its respective professional advisers or by the Auditor in connection with the Scheme and shall not be liable or responsible for any resulting loss.

#### 14. Alterations to the Scheme

- 14.1 The ACD, with the agreement of the Depositary, may determine (in particular, in the event of the EGM of Shareholders being rescheduled, to consider and vote on the Extraordinary Resolution in relation to the Merger proposal), with notification to the FCA, that the Effective Date of the proposed Merger is to be other than as set out in this document, in which case such consequential adjustments may be made to the other elements in the timetable of the Scheme as the ACD considers appropriate.
- 14.2 There may be circumstances beyond the control of either the ACD or the Depositary which mean that it is not possible or practicable to effect the Scheme in relation to the Merging Fund. In these circumstances, the ACD and the Depositary will, with notification to the FCA, continue to operate the Merging Fund as an authorised fund until such time as it is practicable to effect the proposed merger, which will be done on the terms of the Scheme and with such consequential adjustments to the timetable as the ACD and the Depositary consider appropriate.
- 14.3 The terms of the Scheme may be amended as determined by the ACD and the Depositary, subject to notification to the FCA.

#### 15. Governing law

The Scheme is governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

# **APPENDIX 2: Glossary of Terms used in this Scheme**

The following definitions apply throughout this document unless the context otherwise requires.

Accumulation Shares	Shares on which income is automatically rolled up in the capital value of the Share and reflected in the price of a Share;
ACD	JPMorgan Funds Limited, the authorised corporate director of the Company;
Auditor	the auditor of the Merging Fund and Receiving Fund;
Business Day	each weekday excluding UK public holidays;
Company	JPMorgan Fund ICVC, a UK authorised investment company with variable capital;
COLL Sourcebook	the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook which forms part of the FCA Handbook of Rules and Guidance as amended or re-enacted from time to time;
Depositary	National Westminster Bank Plc;
Effective Date	the effective date of the scheme of arrangement under the Scheme (which is expected to be 28 April 2018 or such other date or dates as may be agreed between the ACD and the Depositary in accordance with Appendix 1 to this document);
EGM	The extraordinary general meeting of Shareholders of the Merging Fund to approve the Extraordinary Resolution, notice of which is set out on page 1.
Extraordinary Resolutior	
FCA	the Financial Conduct Authority;
FCA Rules	the rules contained in the FCA Handbook of Rules and Guidance (including the COLL Sourcebook) (as amended);
Form of Proxy	The forms provided to Shareholders to allow them to vote on the Extraordinary Resolution at the EGM as set out in Appendix 4.
Fund Value	the value of the property of the Merging Fund calculated in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation of the Company as at 00.01am on 28 April 2018 using the valuation carried out at 12.00 noon on 27 April 2018, less the Retained Amount and any income allocated to income shares;
Income Shares	Shares on which income is distributed to Shareholders;
Investment Adviser	JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited, the investment adviser to the Company;
Merger	The merger of the Merging Fund into the Receiving Fund;
Merging Fund	JPM US Fund, a sub-fund of the Company;
New Shares	Class A, B, C, I net income or net accumulation Shares in JPM US Select Fund (as appropriate);
OEIC Regulations	The Open-Ended Investment Regulations 2001 (as amended);
Receiving Fund	JPM US Select Fund, a sub-fund of the Company;
Retained Amount	an amount which is estimated by the ACD (after consultation with the Depositary (in its capacity as depositary of the Fund) and the Auditor (in its capacity as auditor of the Fund)), to be necessary to meet the actual and contingent liabilities of the Merging Fund and which is to be retained by the Depositary (in its capacity as depositary of the Merging Fund) for the purpose of discharging those liabilities;
Scheme	the scheme of arrangement for the proposed merger of the Merging Fund with Receiving Fund, which is set out in Appendix 1 to this document;
Share(s)	a share in the Merging Fund and/or the Receiving Fund (as appropriate); and
Shareholder(s)	a holder of Shares in the Merging Fund.

In addition, where relevant in the context, terms which are defined in the FCA Rules shall have the same meaning in this document and the Scheme.

If there is any conflict between the Scheme and the instrument of incorporation or prospectus of the Company, the instrument will prevail. If there is any conflict between the Scheme and the FCA Rules, then the FCA Rules will prevail.

Proxy Form Complete only one voting option. Sign and return by 2.55pm on 11 April 2018.

#### Account number:

# **OPTION A** Let a representative determine your vote

Check one of the following boxes, then proceed to the signature section.

- ☐ I delegate my voting rights to the Chair of the meeting, and authorise them to vote my shares as they see fit.
- □ I appoint the following as my representative and authorise them to vote my shares as they see fit.

**Company/Individual Name** 

# **OPTION B** Indicate your own voting positions

I direct that my shares be voted as follows. I appoint the Chair of the meeting as my representative and direct them to vote as indicated below. Note that the Chair will be able to vote as they see fit on any item for which you do not indicate a vote.

#### **Extraordinary Resolution:**

A. That the scheme of arrangement (the "Scheme") for the merger of the JPM US Fund with the JPM US Select Fund, the terms of which are set out in a document dated 26 February 2018 and addressed by JPMorgan Funds Limited (the "ACD") to Shareholders in the Merging Fund, is hereby approved and that the ACD and the National Westminster Bank Plc. the depositary of the Company, are hereby instructed to implement the Scheme in accordance with the terms.

Date

# Signature

 Intermediary

 Use Only

 Yes

 No

 Vote Withheld

THE MEETING (EGM)

Location 60 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0JP

Date and time 13 April 2018 at 2.55pm

**Quorum** Two Shareholders, in person or by proxy. If quorum is not met within 15 minutes after the time, the EGM will be adjourned to 2.55pm on 20 April 2018 at the same location. If at such adjourned EGM the quorum is not met within 15 minutes after the time, one person entitled to be counted in a quorum at the EGM shall be a quorum.

**Proxies** A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy, who need not be another Shareholder, to attend and vote on their behalf. To be valid, Proxy Forms and any power of attorney or other authority under which they are signed must be returned to Paragon no later than 11 April 2018 by 2.55pm. This Proxy Form is also valid for any adjournment of the EGM. If the meeting is adjourned this proxy remains valid and should be returned to Paragon no later than 18 April 2018 by 2.55pm.

**Voting threshold The resolution will be passed** by a majority of not less than 75% of the votes cast at the EGM.

On a poll, a Shareholder may vote either in person or by proxy. The voting rights attached to each share shall be in such proportion of the voting rights attached to all of the shares in issue that the price bears to the aggregate price(s) of all the shares in issue on 6 February 2018.

The expression "Shareholder" means persons who were Shareholders in the Fund on 6 February 2018 but excluding persons who are known to JPMorgan Funds Limited not to be Shareholders in the Fund at the time of the meeting and the expression "Shareholder" should be construed accordingly.

Voting result Will be made available at:

http://am.jpmorgan.co.uk/investor/

Company JPMorgan Fund ICVC

Legal form Open Ended Investment Company ("OEIC")

Fund type UCITS Your fund JPM US Fund

Receiving fund (fund into which your fund is merging) JPM US Select Fund

If you plan to attend the meeting and vote in person, you do not need to complete this form.