# **Key Information Document**

## **Purpose**

# Fisher Investments

# INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS PLC

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

# Product

# Fisher Investments Institutional US Small Cap Core Equity ESG Fund (the "Fund") a sub-fund of Fisher Investments Institutional Funds plc (the "Company") U2 Class Shares (unhedged) (IE00BGPC1G58)

Manufacturer: This product is manufactured and managed by Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Manager"), with Fisher Investments acting as the Fund's investment manager (the "Investment Manager").

The Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank") is responsible for supervising the Manager in relation to this Key Information Document. The Fund and the Manager are authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank.

For more information on the Fund, please refer to <u>www.carnegroup.com</u> or call +353 1 4896 800.

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# What is this product?

#### Type:

This product is a sub-fund of an Irish UCITS investment company.

# Term:

The Fund is open-ended. This Fund has no fixed investment term or maturity date, but may be terminated in accordance with the terms set out in the Prospectus.

#### **Objectives:**

#### **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of this actively managed Fund is to outperform the Russell 2000 Index (the "Benchmark"). There is no guarantee that the investment objective will be achieved. The Fund is actively managed by the Investment Manager, meaning that investment decisions are made on a fully discretionary basis. Accordingly, the portfolio holdings may deviate from the Benchmark. This deviation may be significant.

#### **Investment Policy:** The Fund invests:

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- Primarily in equities and equity-related securities of small market capitalisation companies located in the United States.
- Up to 10% of its total assets in unlisted equities.

The Fund may for liquidity, hedging and/or cash management purposes, in circumstances of extreme volatility or if market factors require and if considered appropriate to the investment objective, invest on a short-term basis in cash, cash equivalents, money market instruments or government or corporate bonds. Investments in other funds will not be more than 10% of the Fund's total assets.

The Investment Manager considers environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors, including ESG events or conditions that, if they occur, could cause a negative material impact on the value of an investment ("Sustainability Risk"), throughout the investment and portfolio construction process. ESG factors, including Sustainability Risk, are among the many drivers considered by the Investment Manager when developing country, sector and thematic preferences. Governmental influence on public companies, environmental regulation, social policy, market reforms impacting private property, labour, and human rights are among ESG factors considered when determining country and sector/industry allocations and shaping an initial prospect list of portfolio positions.

The Investment Manager performs fundamental research on prospective investments to identify securities with strategic attributes consistent with the Investment Manager's top-down views and with competitive advantages relative to their defined peer group. The fundamental research process involves reviewing and evaluating a range of ESG factors prior to purchasing a security, seeking to identify securities benefitting from ESG trends and avoid those with underappreciated risks. These factors include, but are not limited to, shareholder concentration, corporate stewardship, environmental

opportunities and liabilities, and human or labour rights controversies.

The Investment Manager believes its consideration of ESG factors and Sustainability Risks, as described above, is an important element in contributing towards long-term investment returns and an effective risk-mitigation technique. However, Sustainability Risks may nonetheless adversely impact the Fund's performance.

In addition, the Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics. While it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment as defined under SFDR (a "Sustainable Investment"), it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of Sustainable Investments with an environmental or social objective.

The Fund may use investment techniques (known as derivatives), but only to reduce or protect against risk, reduce costs, and generate income or capital with appropriate risk. Furthermore, the Fund may use these techniques if controlled by the Fund's risk management process.

For full investment objectives and policy details, please refer to the Prospectus and Supplement.

The return on your investment in the Fund is directly related to the value of the underlying assets of the Fund, less costs (see "What are the costs" below).

Income: Income from the Fund's investments will not be paid out in dividends.

**Redemption of Shares:** You can typically sell shares in the Fund on any business day (as set out in the Fund's supplement).

**Sub-Funds:** The Fund is one sub-fund within the Company. This Key Information document is specific only to the Fund. The Prospectus and semiannual reports are prepared for the entire Company, including all sub-funds. The assets and liabilities of each sub-fund are held separately from the other subfunds. This means your investment in the Fund will not be affected by claims made against any other sub-fund. The segregation of assets is based on Irish law and these provisions have not been tested in other jurisdictions.

You may exchange shares of one sub-fund for shares in another sub-fund by selling the shares of the first sub-fund and purchasing shares of the other sub-fund as described in the Prospectus.

Share Prices: Share prices for the Fund are published on Bloomberg FIUSCU2.

**Further Information:** More information about the Fund, copies of its Prospectus, Supplement and its latest annual and semi-annual report are available free of charge online at <u>www.fisherinvestments.com/en-gb/ucits</u> and are available in English.

The assets of the Fund are held in safekeeping by its depositary, State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited (the "Depositary").

#### Intended retail investor:

The Fund is intended for investors (i) who do not intend to withdraw their money within 5 years; (ii) who are prepared to accept a significant degree of volatility; (iii) that have the ability to bear losses in order to seek to generate higher potential returns; and (iv) who are advanced investors who have a good knowledge and experience of these products or basic / informed investors who purchase with investment advice or through a discretionary portfolio service.

# What are the risks and what could I get in return? Risk Indicator



The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in before the recommended holding period and you may get back less. However, your liability will be limited to the amount invested and you will not be liable for any additional financial commitments beyond the amount you have invested. The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 5 out of 7, which is a medium-high risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-high level and poor market conditions will likely impact the value of your investment.

Be aware of currency risk. You will receive payments in a different currency, so the final return you will get depends on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above.

For other risks materially relevant to the product which are not taken into account in the summary risk indicator, please read the Fund's Prospectus available at <u>www.fisherinvestments.com/en-gb/ucits</u>.

### **Performance scenarios**

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted. The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product and a suitable benchmark over the last 10 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances.

Investment: EUR 10,000					
Scenarios Minimum: There is no minimum guaranteed return.		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 5 years (recommended holding period)		
Stress	<b>What you might get back after costs</b>	<b>650 EUR</b>	<b>630 EUR</b>		
	Average return each year	-93.49%	-42.55%		
Unfavourable <sup>1</sup>	What you might get back after costs	<b>7,580 EUR</b>	<b>9,800 EUR</b>		
	Average return each year	-24.22%	-0.41%		
Moderate <sup>2</sup>	What you might get back after costs	<b>10,920 EUR</b>	<b>15,950 EUR</b>		
	Average return each year	9.20%	9.79%		
Favourable <sup>3</sup>	What you might get back after costs	<b>17,870 EUR</b>	<b>22,390 EUR</b>		
	Average return each year	78.74%	17.49%		

<sup>1</sup>This type of scenario occurred for an investment between October 2021 and July 2024.

<sup>2</sup> This type of scenario occurred for an investment between July 2019 and July 2024.

<sup>3</sup> This type of scenario occurred for an investment between October 2016 and October 2021.

## What happens if the Manager is unable to pay out?

In the event of the insolvency of the Manager, the Fund's assets in the safekeeping of the Depositary will not be affected. However, in the event of the Depositary's insolvency, or someone acting on its behalf, the Fund may suffer a financial loss and there is no compensation or guarantee scheme in place which may offset, all or any of, this loss. However, this risk is mitigated to a certain extent by the fact the Depositary is required by law and regulation to segregate its own assets from the assets of the Fund.

### What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### Costs over time

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods.

We have assumed, in the first year you would get back the amount that you invested (0 % annual return). For the other holding period, we have assumed the fund performs as shown in the moderate scenario and the investment is EUR 10,000.

Investment: EUR 10,000	lf you exit after 1 year	lf you exit after 5 years
Total costs	157 EUR	1,161 EUR
Annual cost impact (*)	1.6%	1.6%

(\*) This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 11.4% before costs and 9.8% after costs.

#### **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or exit	lf you exit after 1 year	
Entry costs	We do not charge an entry fee.	0 EUR
Exit costs	We do not charge an exit fee for this product, but the person selling you the product may do so.	0 EUR
Ongoing costs taken each year	lf you exit after 1 year	
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	1.0% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs for the 12 month period ending July 2024.	100 EUR
Transaction costs	0.6% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	57 EUR
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions		lf you exit after 1 year
Performance fees	There is no performance fee for this product.	0 EUR

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

#### **Recommended holding period: 5 years**

The Fund has no minimum holding period but is designed for medium- to long-term investment. This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who do not plan to hold their shares for the recommended holding period.

You can typically sell shares in the Fund on any business day (as set out in the Fund's supplement).

If you cash in before the recommended holding period this will increase the risk of lower investment returns or a loss.

### How can I complain?

If you are not satisfied with your experience as an investor in the Fund, you are entitled to file a complaint free of charge with the Manager at <u>complaints@carnegroup.com</u> or +353 1 4896 800. A copy of the Manager's Complaints Policy can be found at: <u>www.carnegroup.com/policies</u>.

# Other relevant information

Past Performance and previous Performance Scenarios: For details of Past Performance and previous Performance Scenarios, please find available for the Fund online at <a href="http://www.fisherinvestments.com/en-gb/ucits">www.fisherinvestments.com/en-gb/ucits</a>. Past Performance is available for this Fund since inception, where applicable.

The Company considers that the Fund meets the criteria in Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (Regulation EU/2019/2088) to qualify as a financial product that promotes, among other characteristics, environmental or social characteristics. More information on this product's sustainability factors can be found in the Prospectus and online at <u>www.fisherinvestments.com/en-gb/ucits</u>.

The state of the origin of the fund is Ireland. In Switzerland, the representative is Acolin Fund Services AG, Maintower, Thurgauerstrasse 36/38, CH-8050 Zurich, whilst the paying agent is NPB Neue Private Bank AG, Limmatqual 1 /am Bellevue, Postfach, CH-8001 Zurich. The Prospectus, including any supplement and/or addenda thereto, the Key Information Documents, the Articles of Association, as well as the annual and semi-annual reports may be obtained free of charge from the Swiss representative.