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Introduction

Hansard International Limited is pleased to announce the addition of a new fund link to its mirror fund range – the Hansard Fleming Oasis International Equity Fund. This fund link invests solely in units of The Oasis Fund, managed by Fleming Fund Management (Luxembourg) SA.

Investment Objective

The investment objective of The Oasis Fund is to provide long-term capital appreciation through investments in a diversified portfolio of equity securities listed on a range of markets. The fund may invest worldwide and no geographical limit shall apply to its investment which will always remain subject to compliance with the principles of Sharia. The fund will pursue a flexible but conservative investment policy so as to take advantage of changing conditions in the securities and foreign exchange markets.

The Oasis Fund

Key Features



A diversified equity fund



Designed to be suitable for Islamic Investors



Sharia Supervisory Board - comprising prominent Fiqh scholars



Sharia restrictions on investment guidelines



Purification procedures

Compliance with Sharia

The Oasis Fund is intended for Islamic investors. Investments in the fund are managed in accordance with the advice of the Sharia Supervisory Board for compliance with the principles of Sharia.

The Sharia Supervisory Board

The Sharia Supervisory Board comprises a number of prominent and learned Fiqh scholars. The Board functions independently from the Fund Managers. Its purpose is to set investment guidelines for compliance with the principles of Islamic Sharia, and to monitor the fund's adherence to these guidelines.

Sharia Guidelines and the Oasis Fund

The selection of equities for the Oasis Fund

The Sharia guidelines are based on the learned judgement of the highly respected Sharia Supervisory Board. The guidelines exclude investment in companies which pursue activities which are not in compliance with the principles of Sharia, and in companies with high leverage. These guidelines drive the decisions on which assets are purchased for the Oasis fund.

There are approximately 2,600 stocks in the MSCI universe. The selection process is as follows:



Remove industry sectors in which activities are generally un-Islamic



Remove individual companies with activities which are un-Islamic

leaves about 1,000 stocks



Apply Sharia screens - apply five investment screens

leaves approximately 300 stocks



Final stock selection

from a choice of 100 - 150 stocks

Purification

The Sharia Supervisory Board have established principles for the deduction from the fund of amounts representing the fund's share of interest earned by companies in the fund's portfolio and in relation to incidental un-Islamic activities by the companies in the portfolio. Such amounts will be donated to Islamic charities designated by the Sharia Supervisory Board. This process is known as 'purification'.

The purification of the fund (based on theoretical portfolios) by deduction of amounts representing interest received by companies in the portfolio is estimated to cost 1% per year of net assets (for the current portfolio the cost has been calculated at 0.7% per year). Purification due to incidental un-Islamic activities is conservatively estimated to cost 0.5% per year of net assets (the current portfolio contains no stocks with incidental un-Islamic activities).

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Technical Information

The Hansard Fleming Oasis International Equity fund link is available solely through Hansard International Limited life assurance products. The relevant product brochure should always be read and understood before an investment is made.

The fund link invests solely in units of the Oasis International Equity Fund, which is managed by Fleming Fund Management (Luxembourg) SA. Part of the fund link may consist of an element of residual cash as a result of purchases and sales. The cash does not earn interest.

This document is not a prospectus or invitation to invest. It is a descriptive summary of the investment philosophy underlying the Oasis International Equity Fund. The information supplied reflects the current understanding of Hansard International Limited; however, no liability is accepted for the accuracy of the statements made.

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