

**NORTHERN TRUST QUALITY LOW VOL LOW CARBON WORLD FUND**

**a Sub-Fund of**

**NORTHERN TRUST UCITS COMMON CONTRACTUAL FUND**

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**For Northern Trust UCITS Common Contractual Fund**

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Northern Trust Quality Low Vol Low Carbon World Fund (the **Fund**), a Sub-Fund of the Northern Trust UCITS Common Contractual Fund, an open-ended umbrella common contractual fund governed by the laws of Ireland, and authorised by the Central Bank.

Northern Trust UCITS Common Contractual Fund, initially called the Northern Trust Non-UCITS Common Contractual Fund, was initially constituted on 14 October 2009 by the Deed of Constitution entered into between the Manager and the Depositary and was previously authorised on 14 October 2009 by the Central Bank pursuant to the provisions of the Investment Funds, Companies and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2005. Pursuant to an amended and restated Deed of Constitution dated 20 January 2012, Northern Trust UCITS Common Contractual Fund was reauthorised by the Central Bank as a UCITS pursuant to the Regulations on 20 January 2012.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus dated 23 June 2017 as amended by an addendum dated 24 May 2019, 10 July 2020 and 5 March 2021.**

The Directors of the Manager, whose names appear under the section entitled "Directors of the Manager" in the Prospectus, accept responsibility for the information contained in the Prospectus and this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) such information is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

Words and expressions defined in the Prospectus shall, unless the context otherwise requires or as otherwise provided herein, have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

**A typical investor will be seeking to achieve exposure to the global equities market and a return on its investment in the medium to long term.**

**The Fund may invest in FDI for hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes. (See below under the heading "Borrowing and Leverage" for details of the leverage effect of investing in FDI).**

**The Manager may apply a Redemption Charge of up to one (1) per cent of the Net Asset Value. The difference at any one time between the sale and repurchase price of Units means that an investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.**

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# 1 INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE, POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to deliver long-term capital growth by investing in a diverse portfolio of high quality low volatility companies whilst maintaining lower absolute volatility than the MSCI World Index (the "Index") and excluding securities that do not meet certain environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria whilst seeking a reduction in carbon intensity and potential emissions from fossil fuels relative to the Index.

## Investment Policies

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective through active investment primarily in a diversified portfolio of transferable Equity and (where considered by the Investment Manager to be necessary or appropriate) Equity Related Securities issued by companies or linked to companies within the Index. Such Equity and Equity Related Securities will exhibit quality characteristics (determined based on a proprietary scoring methodology as further outlined below) whilst constraining the exposure to certain securities in accordance with the ESG criteria.

The Investment Manager will apply its proprietary scoring methodology to the Equity and Equity Related Securities during the investment process in the construction of the portfolio, as further outlined in the below paragraphs. Accordingly, the Fund will be constructed in a manner which seeks to maintain a lower absolute volatility and a lower carbon footprint than the Index while controlling the variation of returns as compared to the Index by actively limiting exposures to security, industrial sector, region / country, and other risk factors relative to those in the Index.

The investment process is to establish the securities eligible for investment by excluding from the list of securities within the Index companies that : i) are in breach of the UN's Global Compact Ten Principles due to being involved in controversies classified as "very severe" in the areas of Environment, Human Rights & Community, Labour Rights & Supply Chain, or Governance; ii) derive any revenue from the production of tobacco, or 5% or more revenue from the distribution of, supply of key products for, or retail of tobacco; iii) manufacture controversial weapons, such as cluster bombs, landmines, nuclear weapons, depleted uranium weapons, biological/chemical weapons, (or their strategic components), blinding laser, non-detectable components, or incendiary weapons; iv) manufacture civilian firearms or retail civilian firearms and derive 5% or more revenue from this sector; v) manufacture conventional weapons or provide support services to and derive 5% or more revenue from this sector; vi) derive 5% of revenue or more from mining thermal coal; vii) derive 30% of revenue or more from coal fired energy generation; and, (viii) companies classified as having "very severe" controversies relating to customer issues.

This exclusion list is non-exhaustive and subject to change. Further information on each of the foregoing exclusion criteria is available from the Investment Manager on request.

The next step is to apply the Investment Manager's proprietary scoring methodology based on indicators of management efficiency, profitability and cash availability which are constructed using data from multiple sources including company financial statements and historical stock price movements.

The scoring method is applied by the Investment Manager to all of the investible securities with the aim of determining which companies are high quality companies i.e. those more likely to outperform other companies in the Index. The lowest quality companies as determined by the Investment Manager after application of the proprietary scoring methodology are excluded from the investment consideration unless considered eligible for risk management purposes.

An optimization shall then be applied to the resulting portfolio in order to diversify the portfolio from a geographical and sector perspective while aiming to maximize expected risk-adjusted performance based on the return forecasts while looking to achieve following characteristics in the optimal portfolio:

- a) Under normal market conditions, maintain a lower absolute volatility relative to Index;
- b) a significant reduction of the operational carbon intensity of the portfolio and reduced exposure to fossil fuels relative to the Index.

As noted above, risk is controlled by limiting the exposure to securities, limiting the extent of overweighting and underweighting relative to the Index, and limiting the exposure by industry and exposure by region and country, as well as exposures to other risk factors relative to the Index.

The Fund's holdings and exposures are regularly monitored, and, where appropriate, traded efficiently using the aforementioned portfolio construction process to ensure alignment with the investment objective.

The portfolio is constructed focusing on companies of similar size in aggregate to those in the Index but may also hold up to 20% of Net Asset Value in Equity and Equity Related Securities that are not in the Index. Any such Equity and Equity Related Securities outside the Index shall meet the Manager's quality and ESG Criteria (as referred to above) and shall be listed on recognised exchanges in countries that form part of the Index.

"Equity and Equity Related Securities" includes but is not limited to equities, depositary receipts, preferred shares, equity linked notes (unleveraged debt securities linked to the performance of equities), warrants (not more than 5% of the Fund's Net Asset Value) and convertible securities which do not embed FDI or leverage (such as convertible preference shares, share purchase rights and corporate bonds (which shall only be held as a result of corporate actions and which may be rated or unrated, fixed and/or floating rate) and convertible into common or preferred shares). The Fund shall not invest in contingent convertible securities. Such Equity and Equity Related Securities shall be listed on stock exchanges or regulated markets in countries (within the list of Regulated Markets) comprised within the Index, details of which are set out below under the heading "Index Description". Where direct access to the equity markets in those countries is not practicable, indirect exposure may be achieved through investment in Equities and/or Equity Related Securities listed on markets elsewhere.

The Fund may invest in FDI for efficient portfolio management purposes and may be fully or partially hedged back to the Base Currency in accordance with the powers and restrictions set out by the Central Bank in relation to techniques for efficient portfolio management purposes as further disclosed in section 3.5 entitled "Hedging" in the Prospectus. The Fund may invest in FDI as set out in the section titled "Efficient Portfolio Management (EPM) and Use of Derivatives" below. Any exchange traded FDI the Fund invests in will be listed or traded on Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest (up to 10% of its Net Asset Value) indirectly in Equities and Equity Related Securities comprised within the Index through holdings in open-ended collective investment schemes (CIS) (including UCITS exchange traded funds (ETFs)). Any such CIS will have investment objectives which are materially similar to the Fund. The Fund will only invest in AIFs per the Central Bank's Guidance in relation to UCITS Acceptable Investments in Other Investment Funds. Any investment in AIFs shall be subject to the foregoing 10% restriction on investment in CIS.

The Fund will act in accordance with rules regarding cluster munitions laid down in the relevant national legislation adopting the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Consequently, the Fund will take adequate measures to restrict it from: (i) acquiring financial instruments issued by a

company involved in the production, sale or distribution of cluster munition (“**Cluster Munition Companies**”); or (ii) acquiring transferable shares in Cluster Munition Companies. In addition, the Fund is restricted from: (i) acquiring financial instruments issued by a company which holds more than fifty (50) per cent of the share capital of Cluster Munition Companies; or (ii) acquiring transferable shares in such parent companies.

However, the Fund is not restricted from (i) investing in AIFs provided that the relevant AIF consists of less than five (5) per cent of Cluster Munition Companies; and (ii) investing in specifically described projects of Cluster Munition Companies, provided that the invested funds will not be used for the production, sale or distribution of cluster munition. For the definition of “cluster munition”, please see to article 2(2) of the Convention on Cluster Munitions which was adopted on 30 May 2008 in Dublin, Ireland and entered into force on 1 August 2010.

### **Index Description**

The Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets. As at the date of the supplement, the Index consists of the following twenty-three (23) developed market country indices: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Israel, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The Index does not have any restrictions on industry or sector focus.

The valuation function within MSCI is functionally independent of the design of the Index. The Index is reviewed quarterly for any necessary rebalancing – in February, May August and November, with the objective of reflecting change in the underlying equity markets in a timely manner, while limiting undue index turnover. The rebalancing frequency will have minimal impact on the strategy of the Fund or on transaction costs associated with the Fund as any rebalancing is not expected to require any higher frequency of position turnover in the Fund than would otherwise be the case.

Further details of the Index constituents, weightings and methodology can be navigated to from the following links:

<https://www.msci.com/index-methodology>

The Index methodology is based on the MSCI Global Investable Indexes (GIMI Methodology) which is available at [https://www.msci.com/eqb/methodology/meth\\_docs/MSCI\\_Nov19\\_GIMIMethod.pdf](https://www.msci.com/eqb/methodology/meth_docs/MSCI_Nov19_GIMIMethod.pdf)

<https://www.msci.com/constituents>.

The Index constituents can be viewed by selecting "World" at the foregoing link.

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds (the EU Benchmarks Regulation) the Investment Manager has, on behalf of the Manager, put in place written plans which would enable the Fund to reference an alternative index, should the Index cease to be provided.

The Index used by the Fund in accordance with Article 3(1)(7)(e) of the EU Benchmarks Regulation is to be provided by an administrator either included in the register referred to in Article 36 of the EU Benchmarks Regulation or availing of the transitional arrangements pursuant to Article 51 of the EU Benchmarks Regulation.

### **Efficient Portfolio Management (EPM) and Use of Derivatives**

The purpose of EPM should be in line with the best interests of Unitholders and is to achieve one or more of the following: the reduction of risk, the reduction of costs and the generation of additional capital or income for the Fund with an acceptably low level of risk. The Fund may use the following instruments for EPM namely: currency forwards and exchange traded futures

(details of which are outlined below).

#### Exchange Traded Futures

Exchange traded futures are used exclusively for efficient portfolio management purposes, mainly to “equitise” cash contributions into the Fund, hedge index exposure for limited periods when immediate purchase/sale of the underlying is not feasible or in the best interests of the Fund and gain short term exposure to securities where appropriate to enhance value. Exchange-traded futures positions are typically unwound simultaneously with the purchase or sale of the underlying cash position.

#### Forwards

Forward currency contracts may be used to hedge against currency risk that has resulted from assets held by the Fund that are not in the Base Currency. The Fund, may, for example, use forward currency contracts by selling forward a foreign currency against the Base Currency to protect the Fund from foreign exchange rate risk that has risen from holding assets in that currency.

Warrants, share purchase rights and convertible securities may also be held for the purposes of EPM and traded or exercised when considered appropriate.

The Fund may engage in transactions in FDI identified above for the purposes of EPM and/or to protect against exchange risks within the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank from time to time. Such transactions may include foreign exchange transactions and while seeking to protect against exchange risks may still alter the currency characteristics of transferable securities held by the Fund. Please see section 3.5 entitled "Hedging" in the Prospectus for more details.

Collateral or margin may be passed by the Fund to a counterparty or broker in respect of OTC FDI transaction. Further details of the Fund's collateral policy are set out in Schedule II section 8 of the Prospectus.

The use of FDI for the purposes outlined above may expose the Fund to the risks disclosed in the Prospectus under the heading “Risk Factors”.

The Manager on behalf of the Fund has filed with the Central Bank its risk management process which enables it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the various risks associated with the use of FDI. Any FDI not included in the risk management process will not be utilised until such time as a revised submission has been prepared and submitted to the Central Bank in accordance with the Central Bank requirements. The Manager will, on request, provide supplementary information to Unitholders relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of Investments.

The Fund shall not engage in any securities lending or use repurchase agreements/reverse repurchase agreements (i.e. Securities Financing Transactions) and this section will be updated in accordance with the Central Bank Rules and the disclosure requirements of Regulation 2015/2365 in advance of any change in this regard.

## **2 RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT – CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT**

The Investment Manager has appointed Hermes Equity Ownership Services Limited ("Hermes EOS") to act as the Investment Manager's agent in carrying out corporate engagement with carefully selected companies held within the Fund (each a “Company”). Companies will be selected for engagement and engagement will be carried out in accordance with an engagement policy, a copy of which is available from the Investment Manager on request. The engagement process neither informs investment or divestment decisions nor the construction of the Index, and Hermes EOS will exercise no discretion over Fund Assets.

An engagement by Hermes EOS with a Company will involve a process of dialogue with that

Company with the long-term objective of that Company improving on its social, ethical and environmental practices in the belief that such factors can have an impact on financial performance.

Hermes EOS typically conducts engagement with Companies in confidence and will not disclose the Investment Manager's involvement in such engagements, unless specifically agreed in advance.

In addition to engaging with individual Companies, Hermes EOS has a broad international public policy engagement program through which it engages with governments and regulators on behalf of its client base (including the Investment Manager) to promote the interests of long-term institutional investors.

The Fund follows the Northern Trust Proxy Voting Policy, a copy of which is available via the following website:

<https://www.northerntrust.com/asset-management/europe/uk-stewardship-proxy-voting>

Engagement activities conducted on behalf of the Fund may not always be complemented by this policy.

### **3 INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

**The general investment restrictions set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Investment Restrictions" apply to the Fund.**

### **4 BORROWING AND LEVERAGE**

The Fund may borrow up to ten (10) per cent of its Net Asset Value on a temporary basis.

The Fund may utilise FDI (as referred to above under the heading "Efficient Portfolio Management (EPM) and Use of Derivatives").

Global exposure and leverage as a result of its investment in FDI shall not exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Global exposure will be measured using the commitment approach.

### **5 LISTINGS**

It is not currently intended to list the Units of the Fund on any stock exchange, though the Directors may in future apply for one or more Classes to be admitted to the Official List and trading on the Main Securities Market of the Irish Stock Exchange.

### **6 RISK FACTORS**

**The general risk factors set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Risk Factors" apply to the Fund.**

### **7 GROSS INCOME PAYMENT POLICY**

Gross Income Payments may be made in respect of Distributing Units at the discretion of the Manager (following consultation with the Investment Manager) in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus.

### **8 INVESTMENT MANAGER AND SUB INVESTMENT MANAGER**

The Manager has appointed Northern Trust Global Investments Limited as the investment

manager of the Fund (the “Investment Manager”) pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement (as detailed below under the heading “Material Contracts”).

The Investment Manager is a company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales on 15 February 2000, is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom and has its registered office at 50 Bank Street, London E14 5NT, United Kingdom. The Investment Manager is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northern Trust Management Services Limited which is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Northern Trust International Banking Corporation which is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Northern Trust Company. The Northern Trust Company in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northern Trust Corporation. The Investment Manager’s main business activity is the provision of investment management services.

The Investment Manager has appointed Northern Trust Investments, Inc as the sub-investment manager of the Fund (the “Sub-Investment Manager”) pursuant to the Sub-Investment Management Agreement (as detailed below under the heading “Material Contracts”).

NTI is an Illinois State Banking Corporation and an investment manager registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. It primarily manages assets for institutional and individual separately managed accounts, investment companies and bank common and collective funds. NTI is an indirect subsidiary of Northern Trust Corporation. Northern Trust Corporation is regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as a financial holding company under the U.S. Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended.

## **9 KEY INFORMATION FOR SUBSCRIBING AND REDEEMING ALL CLASSES OF UNITS**

### **Accumulating Units and Distributing Units**

The Fund may issue Accumulating Units and Distributing Units.

### **Classes of Units Available (as either Accumulating or Distributing Units)**

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, BB, CC, DD, EE, FF, GG, HH, II, JJ, KK, LL, MM, NN, OO, PP, QQ, RR, SS, TT, UU, VV, WW, XX, YY and ZZ.

### **Currencies Available**

Each of the above referenced Unit Classes are available in U.S. Dollar, Euro, Sterling.

### **Base Currency**

U.S. Dollar

### **Initial Issue Price**

U.S. Dollar 10 per Unit for the US Dollar Classes

€10 per Unit for the Euro classes

£10 per Unit for the Sterling Classes

### **Initial Offer Period - Accumulating Units**

The Initial Offer Period in relation to the A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, BB, CC, DD, EE, FF, GG, HH, II, JJ, KK, LL, MM, NN, OO, PP, QQ, RR, SS, TT, UU, VV, WW, XX, YY and ZZ Classes of Accumulating Units denominated in U.S. Dollar, Euro and Sterling shall be available from 9am (Irish time) on 11 March 2021 and will close at 12pm (Irish time) on 10 September 2021 (or such shorter or longer period as the Manager may determine and notify to the Central Bank).

After the close of the relevant Initial Offer Period, the relevant classes will be continuously open for subscriptions on each Dealing Day

### **Initial Offer Period – Distributing Units**

The Initial Offer Period in relation to the A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, BB, CC, DD, EE, FF, GG, HH, II, JJ, KK, LL, MM, NN, OO, PP, QQ, RR, SS, TT, UU, VV, WW, XX, YY and ZZ Classes of Distributing Units denominated in Euro, US Dollar and Sterling shall be available from 9am (Irish time) on 11 March 2021 and will close at 12pm (Irish time) on 10 September 2021 (or such shorter or longer period as the Manager may determine and notify to the Central Bank).

After the Initial Offer Period, the relevant Classes will be continuously open for subscriptions on each Dealing Day.

### **Business Day**

Any day other than a Saturday or Sunday on which commercial banks are open for business in Ireland, or such other day or days as the Manager may, with the consent of the Depositary, determine.

### **Dealing Day**

The Dealing Day for the Fund will be every Business Day or such other day or days as the Manager may determine and notify in advance to Unitholders, provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day per fortnight.

### **Dealing Deadline**

Applications for subscription and redemption of Units must be received by 12pm Irish time on the Business Day prior to the relevant Dealing Day. The Directors of the Manager may agree to accept applications received subsequent to this deadline in exceptional circumstances provided such applications are received before the Valuation Point.

### **Valuation Point**

Close of business in the relevant recognised market that closes last on each Dealing Day.

As an amendment to third paragraph of the "**Purchase of Units**" section of the Prospectus there will be no discretion for the Manager to accept applications in any circumstances after the close of business in the relevant recognised market that closes first on the relevant Dealing Day.

### **Minimum Initial Investment Amount**

In respect of Unit Class X, U.S.\$100,000 or its equivalent in the relevant currency or such greater or lesser amounts as the Directors of the Manager may, in their absolute discretion, decide.

In respect of all other Unit Classes, U.S. \$30 million or its equivalent in the relevant currency or such greater or lesser amounts as the Directors of the Manager may, in their absolute discretion, decide.

### **Minimum Additional Investment**

U.S.\$100,000 or its equivalent in the relevant currency or such greater or lesser amounts as the Directors of the Manager may, in their absolute discretion, decide.

### **Preliminary Charge**

The Manager will not apply a Preliminary Charge for this Fund.

### **Redemption Charge**

The Manager may apply a Redemption Charge of up to one (1) per cent of the Net Asset Value per Unit payable to the Manager or its relevant distributor.

It is noted, specifically, that the Class F Units will not charge a Redemption Charge to investors.

### **Anti-Dilution Levy**

An Anti-Dilution Levy can be applied to net subscriptions or net redemptions on any Dealing Day, as set out in the Prospectus. This Anti-Dilution Levy will be charged at the discretion of the Directors. The Anti-Dilution Levy is designed to cover the costs of dealing in the various markets and preserve the value of the underlying Assets of the Fund.

### **Settlement Date**

In respect of receipt of monies for subscription for Units, the Settlement Date shall be two (2) Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day or as otherwise determined by the Manager and in respect of dispatch of monies for the redemption of Units, the Settlement Date shall be two (2) Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day assuming timely receipt of the relevant duly signed repurchase documentation or as otherwise determined by the Manager and in any event should not exceed fourteen (14) calendar days from the Dealing Deadline.

An exchange of Units will in effect be represented by a redemption of Units in the Original Class and a simultaneous subscription for Units in the New Class on the relevant Dealing Day. In such cases, the settlement of the transaction shall be effected on a timely basis, subject to receipt of the relevant duly signed exchange request documentation.

### **Minimum Net Asset Value**

U.S.\$30 million.

### **Restriction on the Exchange of Units**

Class F Units do not bear any investment management fees and are available only to investors who are investing in the Fund indirectly through feeder funds or other vehicles managed by the Investment Manager or any associated party, thereby avoiding double-charging of fees. Holders of Units in other classes cannot exchange their Units for Class F Units.

## **10 HOW TO SUBSCRIBE FOR UNITS**

Application for Units should be made by completing and submitting a Subscription Agreement in accordance with the provisions set out in the Prospectus to be received by the Administrator on or prior to the Dealing Deadline for the relevant Dealing Day. Unless the Administrator otherwise agrees, payment for Units must be received by the relevant Settlement Date by electronic transfer in cleared funds in the currency of the relevant Units.

**This section should be read in conjunction with the section in the Prospectus headed "Purchases of Units".**

## **11 HOW TO REDEEM UNITS**

Requests for the redemption of Units should be submitted to the Manager c/o the Administrator in accordance with the provisions set out in the, Prospectus. Requests received on or prior to a Dealing Deadline will be dealt with on the relevant Dealing Day.

The amount due on the redemption of Units of any Class in the Fund will be paid by the Settlement Date at the Unitholder's risk and expense by electronic transfer to an account in the

name of the Unitholder.

The Manager may at its discretion with the consent of the Unitholder or at the request of the Unitholder satisfy a redemption request by a redemption of investments of the Fund in specie provided that such a redemption would not prejudice the remaining Unitholders of that Fund. The provisions are summarised in the Prospectus under the heading "Redemption of Units".

The Directors of the Manager are entitled to limit the number of Units of the Fund redeemed on any Dealing Day to Units representing ten (10) per cent of the total Net Asset Value of Units of the Fund in issue on that Dealing Day or such other amount as they may in their absolute discretion determine subject to the terms of the Prospectus. The redemptions effected on that Dealing Day will be effected pro rata in the manner described in the Prospectus under the heading "Redemption of Units".

**This section should be read in conjunction with the section in the Prospectus headed "Redemption of Units".**

## **12 NET ASSET VALUE**

The Administrator calculates the Net Asset Value per Unit as at the Valuation Point of each Dealing Day in accordance with the procedure provided for in the Prospectus under the heading "Calculation of Net Asset Value/Valuation of Assets".

## **13 FEES AND EXPENSES**

### **Fees and Expenses of the Manager**

The Manager is entitled to cover its reasonable out of pocket costs and expenses incurred in the performance of its duties. The latest figure will be set out in the most recently published report and accounts of the Fund, or pending publication of the initial report and accounts, will be available upon request from the Administrator. This fee will accrue and be calculated on each Dealing Day and shall be payable quarterly in arrears.

### **Fees and Expenses of the Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager is entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund (with the exception of Class F Units) an annual fee of up to one (1) per cent of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. The latest figure is set out in the most recently published reports and accounts of the Fund, or pending publication of the initial reports and accounts, will be available upon request from the Administrator. This fee will accrue and be calculated on each Dealing Day and shall be payable quarterly in arrears. The Investment Manager is also entitled to be reimbursed out of the assets of the Fund for its reasonable out of pocket costs and expenses incurred in the performance of its duties.

### **Fees and Expenses of the Sub-Investment Manager**

The fees and expenses of the Sub-Investment Manager will be paid by the Investment Manager out of the investment management fee and not out of the assets of the Fund.

### **Fees and Expenses of the Administrator and Depositary**

The Depositary and Administrator will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund a combined aggregate annual fee of up to 0.2 per cent of the Net Asset Value of the Fund (plus VAT, if any). The latest figure will be set out in the most recently published reports and accounts of the Fund or, pending publication of the initial reports and accounts, will be available upon request from the Administrator. This fee will accrue and be calculated on each Dealing Day and shall be payable quarterly in arrears. The Depositary and Administrator shall also be entitled to be reimbursed out of the assets of the Fund for all reasonable pre-approved out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

### **Initial Expenses**

The initial organisational and establishment costs relating to the creation of the Fund are estimated not to exceed €20,000 which are being amortised by the Fund over the first five accounting periods of its operation (or such other period as may be determined by the Directors at their discretion) and shall be subject to such adjustment following the establishment of new Sub-Funds as the Directors may determine.

### **Ongoing Expenses**

Ongoing legal and constitution fees and expenses in respect of the Fund will be paid out the assets of the Fund.

### **Other Fees and Expenses**

In addition to the fees outlined above, the Fund will also be responsible for the fees of Hermes EOS (for its services in respect of the Fund, as described in this Supplement), up to 0.02% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund per annum. Such fee shall accrue and be calculated on each Dealing Day and be payable quarterly in arrears. These fees will be discharged by the Investment Manager who will then be reimbursed by the Fund the corresponding amount, out of the Assets of the Fund.

**Any other fees and expenses payable out of the assets of the Fund are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Fees and Expenses".**

## **14 MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

In addition to those detailed in the Prospectus, the following contracts have been entered into otherwise than in the ordinary course of the business intended to be carried on by the Fund and are or may be material:

The Investment Management Agreement dated 30 November 2018 between the Manager and the Investment Manager as may be amended or supplemented from time to time. This agreement provides that the appointment of the Investment Manager will continue unless and until terminated by either party giving to the other not less than ninety (90) days' written notice although in certain circumstances the agreement may be terminated forthwith by notice in writing by either party to the other; the agreement contains certain indemnities in favour of the Investment Manager which are restricted to exclude matters arising by reasons of the fraud, bad faith, negligence or wilful default of the Investment Manager in the performance or non-performance by the Investment Manager of its duties.

The Sub-Investment Management Agreement dated 13 October 2016 between the Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager as may be amended or supplemented from time to time. This agreement provides that the appointment of the Sub-Investment Manager will continue unless and until terminated by the Sub-Investment Manager giving not less than 180 days' written notice to the Investment Manager or by the Investment Manager giving not less than 30 days' written notice to the Sub-Investment Manager although in certain circumstances the Sub-Investment Management Agreement may be terminated forthwith by notice in writing by either party to the other; the Sub-Investment Management Agreement contains certain indemnities in favour of the Sub-Investment Manager which are restricted to exclude matters resulting from the willful misfeasance, bad faith, fraud, wilful default or negligence of the Sub-Investment Manager in the performance or nonperformance of its obligations and duties.

The Agreement for the Provision of Responsible Investment Services dated 22 June 2015, as amended, between the Investment Manager and Hermes EOS (with its registered office at Lloyds Chambers, 1 Portsoken Street, London E1 8HZ, United Kingdom). Hermes EOS, authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, provides non-discretionary responsible investment advisory services to the Investment Manager in respect of various sub-funds managed by the Investment Manager, including the Fund. This agreement provides that the appointment of Hermes EOS will continue

unless and until terminated by either party giving to the other not less than 9 months' written notice (such notice may only be served on or after the first anniversary of the agreement), although in certain circumstances the agreement may be terminated forthwith by notice in writing by either party to the other; the agreement provides that Hermes EOS will accept responsibility for loss to the Investment Manager and/or the Fund to the extent that such loss is due to the negligence, wilful default, fraud or any breach of the agreement by Hermes EOS. See Fees and Expenses section above for details of the fees of Hermes EOS as paid out of the Assets of the Fund.

## **15 MISCELLANEOUS**

Some Unitholders may receive additional information and/or reports in relation to the Fund on a frequent basis. Any such information will be available to all investors in the Fund on request. Any such information will only be provided on a historical basis and after the relevant Dealing Day to which the information relates. Please contact your relationship manager to discuss any reporting needs.

At the date of this Supplement, there are 15 other Sub-Funds of the CCF in existence, namely the:

Northern Trust World Equity Index Fund

Northern Trust World EUR Hedged Equity Index Fund

Northern Trust Europe Custom ESG Equity Index  
Fund

Northern Trust High Dividend ESG World Equity Fund

Northern Trust World Custom ESG Equity Index Fund

Northern Trust World Custom ESG EUR Hedged Equity Index  
Fund Northern Trust North America Value ESG Fund

Northern Trust Europe Value ESG Fund

Northern Trust Developed Real Estate Index Fund

Northern Trust North America Custom ESG Equity Index

Fund Northern Trust World ESG Leaders Equity Index Fund

Northern Trust World Small Cap ESG Low Carbon Index

Fund Northern Trust World Green Transition Index Fund

NT Europe Sustainable Select SDG Index Fund

NT World Sustainable Select SDG Index Fund

The Directors of Northern Trust Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (whose names appear in the section entitled "Management of the CCF" in the Prospectus) accept responsibility for the information contained in this Information Card, the relevant Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Information Card and in the relevant Supplement and in the Prospectus, is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors of Northern Trust Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited accept responsibility accordingly.

## SFDR Article 8 Information Card (the "**Information Card**")

### An Annex to the Supplement for Northern Trust Quality Low Vol Low Carbon World Fund

to the Prospectus of

### Northern Trust UCITS Common Contractual Fund

The CCF is structured as an open-ended umbrella common contractual fund constituted by a Deed of Constitution governed by the laws of Ireland and is authorised as a UCITS under the Regulations by the Central Bank of Ireland

10 March 2021

This Information Card contains information relating specifically to Northern Trust Quality Low Vol Low Carbon World Fund (the "**Fund**"), a sub-fund of Northern Trust UCITS Common Contractual Fund (the "**CCF**").

**This Information Card forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Supplement for the Fund dated 10 March, 2021 (the "Supplement") and the Prospectus for the CCF dated 23 June 2017 as amended by addendum dated 24 May 2019, 10 July 2020 and 5 March 2021 (the "Prospectus").**

This Information Card has been prepared for the purpose of meeting the specific financial product level disclosure requirements contained in SFDR and, specifically, the disclosure requirements applicable to an ESG Orientated Fund under Article 8 of SFDR.

This Information Card (or an adapted form thereof) may be published on the website of the Manager or the Investment Manager on a stand-alone basis as a means of addressing some or all of the product-specific website disclosure requirements applicable to the Fund under Article 10 of SFDR.

## 1. BACKGROUND

This Information Card has been prepared for the purpose of meeting the specific financial product level disclosure requirements in SFDR and, specifically, the disclosure requirements applicable to an ESG Orientated Fund under Article 8 of SFDR.

Please refer to the section of the Prospectus entitled "Sustainable Finance Disclosures" for further information.

## 2. ARTICLE 8 CLASSIFICATION

The Manager considers that the Fund meets the criteria in Article 8 of SFDR to qualify as an ESG Orientated Fund and has prepared this Information Card to make the associated disclosures as considered further in section 3 below.

The Manager reserves the right to reassess this classification at any time and shall keep this classification under review pending finalisation of regulatory technical standards ("**RTS**"). It is expected that this Information Card will be reviewed and updated once the relevant RTS come into effect and may also be updated to take account of the Taxonomy Regulation once it comes into effect (1 January 2022).

If the Manager determines at any future point that the Fund does not meet the criteria to qualify as an ESG Orientated Fund, this Information Card shall be updated or withdrawn as appropriate in accordance with the revised classification of the Fund.

## 3. ARTICLE 8 DISCLOSURES

Disclosure Requirement and SFDR source reference	Disclosure
Information on how the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the fund are met (Article 8(1)(a))	<p>The investment objective of the Fund is to deliver long-term capital growth by investing in diverse portfolio of high quality low volatility companies whilst maintaining lower absolute volatility than the MSCI World Index (the "<b>Index</b>") and excluding securities that do not meet certain environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria whilst seeking a reduction in carbon intensity and potential emissions from fossil fuels relative to the Index.</p> <p>The Fund's investment universe primarily comprises companies within the Index after the exclusion of companies that do not meet certain ESG criteria as outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• companies that are in breach of the UN's Global Compact Ten Principles due to being involved in controversies classified as "very severe" in the areas of Environment, Human Rights &amp; Community, Labour Rights &amp; Supply Chain, or Governance;</li> <li>• companies that derive any revenue from the production of tobacco, or 5% or more revenue from the distribution of, supply of key products for, or retail of tobacco;</li> <li>• companies that manufacture controversial weapons, such as cluster bombs, landmines, nuclear weapons, depleted uranium weapons, biological/chemical weapons, (or their strategic components), blinding laser, non-detectable components, or incendiary weapons;</li> <li>• companies that manufacture civilian firearms or retail civilian firearms and derive 5% or more revenue from this sector;</li> <li>• companies that manufacture conventional weapons or provide support services to and derive 5% or more revenue from this sector;</li> <li>• companies that derive 5% of revenue or more from mining thermal coal;</li> <li>• companies that derive 30% of revenue or more from coal-fired energy generation; and</li> <li>• companies classified as having "very severe" controversies relating to customer issues.</li> </ul> <p>For further details on the UN Global Compact Ten Principles, please refer to <a href="http://www.unglobalcompact.org/aboutthegc/thetenprinciples/index.html">www.unglobalcompact.org/aboutthegc/thetenprinciples/index.html</a></p> <p>This exclusion list is non-exhaustive and subject to change.</p>

	<p>An optimization is then applied to the resulting portfolio that aims to maximize expected risk-adjusted performance based on the return forecasts while looking to achieve, <i>inter alia</i>, a significant reduction of the operational carbon intensity of the portfolio and reduced exposure to fossil fuels relative to the Index.</p> <p>The Investment Manager shall also ensure that any investments made by the Fund pursuant to the foregoing strategy are in accordance with rules regarding cluster munitions laid down in the relevant national legislation adopting the Convention on Cluster Munitions.</p> <p>The Investment Manager has appointed Hermes Equity Ownership Services to act as the Manager's agent in carrying out corporate engagement with carefully selected companies held within the Fund.</p>
<p>Assessment of the Index in the context of the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics (Article 8(1)(b))</p>	<p>The Index is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets. As noted above, the Fund shall not invest in constituents of the Index that do not meet the Investment Manager's ESG criteria.</p>
<p>Information on where the methodology of the Index may be obtained (Article 8(2))</p>	<p>Further details of the Index (including information on its constituents, weightings, full calculation methodology, criteria for rebalancing, calculation process and leverage effect) can be navigated to from the following links: <a href="https://www.msci.com/eqb/methodology/meth_docs/MSCI_Nov19_GIMIMethod.pdf">https://www.msci.com/eqb/methodology/meth_docs/MSCI_Nov19_GIMIMethod.pdf</a> and <a href="https://www.msci.com/constituents">https://www.msci.com/constituents</a></p>
<p>Website disclosure</p>	<p>A form of this Information Card may also be published on the website of the Manager or the Investment Manager on a stand-alone basis as a means of addressing some or all of the product-specific website disclosure requirements applicable to the Fund under Article 10 of SFDR.</p> <p>If relevant, more ESG related information may be found on the Fund at <a href="https://www.northerntrust.com/europe/what-we-do/investment-management..">https://www.northerntrust.com/europe/what-we-do/investment-management..</a></p> <p>Details can also be found on this website in relation to the Manager's or the Investment Manager's sustainability related disclosures and, if relevant, its adverse sustainability impact statement.</p>