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Dear Sir or Madam,

IMPORTANT – Change in status for BNY Mellon UK-domiciled funds from 1 January 2021

From 1 January 2021, it is expected UK-domiciled funds authorised as UCITS will become non-EU alternative investment funds (AIFs). As a result, **our UK-domiciled funds will no longer be registered for sale to the public in the European Economic Area (EEA) and their distribution under the UCITS regime will no longer be possible after 1 January 2021.**

In preparation for Brexit, we previously wrote to you regarding the transfer of your agreement to BNY Mellon Fund Management (Luxembourg) S.A. This agreement covers certain arrangements and/or services between us with respect to various BNY Mellon investment funds (the Contract).

At the time of our last writing, we indicated you should ensure any services or activities you may carry out with respect to any BNY Mellon investment funds under the Contract were compliant with any change of law or regulation or any loss of licence, consent, permission or authorisation that may result from Brexit. We also noted we would continue to monitor how the situation develops and ensure we continue to inform you of further developments as they emerge.

As stated above, it is expected our UK-domiciled fund range, BNY Mellon Investment Funds, will no longer be registered for sale in the EEA after the expiry of the Brexit transition period at the end of this year.

At this stage, we also do not currently envisage marketing our UK-domiciled funds under the national private placement regime applicable to third-countries under the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive. Accordingly, you should ensure that:

1. Any services or activities that you may carry out with respect to any of our UK-domiciled funds under the Contract are compliant with any applicable laws and regulations following this change of status. In particular, while you should continue to provide your customers in an EU/EEA Member State with all legally required periodic reporting, information and materials regarding their investment in a UK-domiciled fund, you should ensure such reporting, information and materials is provided in a manner that makes clear it does not constitute marketing activities with respect to such funds. Any decision by an EU investor to make any further investment in the relevant fund should be carried out independently and without reliance on any such reporting, information and materials; and
2. For any UK-domiciled funds for which you may be eligible to receive any payment of commission, remuneration or monetary benefit of any kind (a Commission) under the Contract, you comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including any related

changes to these as a result of this change of status, to which you are subject when accepting Commission payments.

Shareholders in our UK-domiciled funds from an EU/EEA Member State will need to ensure they remain permitted to hold such investment by the laws and regulations of their home state and, where relevant, under their constitutional documentation.

Additionally, the change of status of these funds from UCITS to AIFs under EU law, along with the fact that these funds will be registered and domiciled outside of the EU, may have tax consequences for investors depending on their individual circumstances and the specific rules of their home state. Therefore, shareholders are recommended to seek advice from their advisers or a specialist in this area for a full understanding of the tax consequences and other implications of these changes.

Shareholders in our UK domiciled UCITS funds with an address in any EU/EEA Member State have been sent the attached letter to notify them of this change in status.

Please note our Irish-domiciled UCITS fund range, BNY Mellon Global Funds, plc (**BNYMGF**) continues to be our flagship UCITS product offering in the EU. The strategies available within BNYMGF are broadly consistent to those offered within our UK-domiciled fund range.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or require any further information regarding BNYMGF, please contact your usual Relationship contact or email internationalsales@bnymellon.com.

Yours faithfully,

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Director

for and on behalf of

BNY MELLON FUND MANAGEMENT (LUXEMBOURG) S.A.