

COMMON TERMS OF THE PROPOSED MERGER OF

Allianz Global Equity High Alpha

(a sub-fund of Allianz Global Investors Fund X Plc)

INTO

Allianz Global Equity

(a sub-fund of Allianz Global Investors Fund)

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## DEFINITIONS

**AGIF** means Allianz Global Investors Fund;

**AGIF Depository** means State Street Bank Luxembourg S.C.A.;

**AGIF Registrar and Transfer Agent** means State Street Bank Luxembourg S.C.A.;

**AGIF Shareholder** means a holder of New Shares in the Receiving Fund;

**AGIF X** means Allianz Global Investors Fund X Plc;

**AGIF X Administrator** means State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited;

**AGIF X Circular** means the circular to be issued to AGIF X Shareholders in relation to the Merger;

**AGIF X Depository** means State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited;

**AGIF X Shareholder** means a holder of Existing Shares in the Merging Fund;

**Central Bank** means the Central Bank of Ireland and any successor thereto;

**Constitutional Document** means the memorandum and articles of association of AGIF X or the articles of incorporation of AGIF, as appropriate;

**CSSF** means the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier and any successor thereto;

**Directors** means the directors of AGIF X unless otherwise stated;

**Effective Date** is 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 or such later date as may be notified to AGIF X Shareholders at the time of the notification of the outcome of the Meeting;

**Exchange Ratio** means the number of New Shares which an AGIF X Shareholder participating in the Merger will receive in the Receiving Fund in exchange for and having an equivalent value to their holding of Existing Shares;

**Existing Shares** means shares in the Merging Fund held by an AGIF X Shareholder;

**Independent Auditor** means an auditor approved in accordance with Directive 2006/43/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 on statutory audits of annual accounts and consolidated accounts;

**Luxembourg Law** means the Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010 relating to undertakings for collective investment, as amended from time to time;

**Meeting** means the extraordinary general meeting of the Merging Fund to be held on 28 August 2019;

**Merger** means the proposed merger of the Merging Fund with the Receiving Fund, pursuant to a scheme of reconstruction, as more particularly described in the AGIF X Circular;

**Merging Fund** means the Allianz Global Equity High Alpha, a sub-fund of AGIF X which is to merge with the Receiving Fund;

**New Shares** means shares in the Receiving Fund to be issued to an AGIF X Shareholder under the Merger in exchange for their holding of Existing Shares;

**Prospectus** means the prospectus of AGIF X or AGIF, as appropriate;

**Receiving Fund** means Allianz Global Equity, a sub-fund of AGIF, which is to receive the Merging Fund;

**Regulations** means the European Communities (Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended and includes any relevant notices and guidelines issued by the Central Bank pursuant to the Regulations;

**Resolution** means the special resolution to approve and adopt the Merger to be considered at the Meeting;

**UCITS** mean an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities authorised pursuant to the Regulations;

**UCITS Directive** means Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS); and

**Valuation Point** means 10:00am (UK time) on the Effective Date.

## 1. THE TYPE OF MERGER AND THE FUNDS INVOLVED

### 1.1. Type of merger

The type of merger proposed is that set out in sub-section (c) of the definition of "merger" in Part 1, section 3(1) of the Regulations (corresponding to article 2(1)(p)(iii) of the UCITS Directive), being a merger whereby one or more UCITS or sub-funds thereof, which continue to exist until their liabilities have been discharged, transfer their net assets to another sub-fund of the same UCITS, to a UCITS which they form or to another existing UCITS or sub-fund thereof.

### 1.2. Funds involved

The Merging Fund is a sub-fund of AGIF X which is established as an open-ended umbrella investment company with segregated liability between sub-funds and is authorised in Ireland by the Central Bank as a UCITS pursuant to the Regulations.

The Receiving Fund is a sub-fund of AGIF which is established in the form of a société anonyme qualifying as a *société d'investissement à capital variable* (SICAV) and is authorised in Luxembourg by the CSSF as a UCITS pursuant to the Luxembourg Law.

### 1.3. Verification

In accordance with regulation 59 of the Regulations (corresponding to article 41 of the UCITS Directive), the AGIF X Depositary and AGIF Depositary will each, in respect of the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund respectively, provide written verification of the type of merger referred to at 1.1 above, to the Central Bank.

## 2. BACKGROUND TO AND RATIONALE FOR THE MERGER

The Board of Directors of both AGIF X and AGIF have approved the proposal of Allianz Global Investors GmbH, the Investment Manager of the Merging and Receiving Fund, to merge the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund. This will streamline the product offering in the equity space and offer investors the opportunity to keep invested in an attractive strategy within the product category.

The Scheme will also result in better economies of scale in the long term and greater levels of operational efficiency, both of which should lead to longer term cost savings for Shareholders. Moreover, higher levels of operational efficiency will likely be realised as a consequence of reduced operational and administrative burden. It is also expected that the Scheme will result in a greater number of distribution opportunities for the Receiving Fund, which would increase subscriptions and ensure economies of scale and greater shareholder diversification.

## 3. EXPECTED IMPACT OF THE MERGER ON AGIF X SHAREHOLDERS AND AGIF SHAREHOLDERS

3.1. In the event that the Merger is approved by the AGIF X Shareholders, the AGIF X Shareholders will receive New Shares in accordance with the terms set out herein.

3.2. AGIF is domiciled in Luxembourg and is regulated by the CSSF pursuant to Part I of the Luxembourg Law. AGIF X is domiciled in Ireland and is regulated by the Central Bank pursuant to the Regulations. AGIF X is established as an investment company with variable capital. AGIF is established in the form of a société anonyme qualifying as a *société d'investissement à capital variable* (SICAV). AGIF has appointed the AGIF Depositary and (through its management company, Allianz Global Investors GmbH.) the AGIF Registrar and Transfer Agent as its depositary and administrator respectively and AGIF X has appointed the AGIF X Depositary and (through its management company, Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited) the AGIF X Administrator as its depositary and administrator respectively. AGIF has an accounting year end of 30 September and AGIF X has an accounting year end of 31 July. Each of the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund has the same investment manager. AGIF and AGIF X each has a different board of directors and have appointed auditors in Luxembourg and Ireland, respectively. **The synthetic risk and reward indicator ("SRRI")**

which is set out in the key investor information document for a UCITS is a measure of a fund's volatility. The SRRRI for the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund is 5. Both the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund are suitable for investors seeking capital growth.

## **4. MERGING FUND**

### **4.1.1. Impact on assets of the Merging Fund**

The Merger will involve the delivery and/or transfer of the net assets of the Merging Fund to the AGIF Depositary to be held on behalf of the Receiving Fund in exchange for the issue of New Shares in the Receiving Fund to AGIF X Shareholders on the Effective Date.

### **4.1.2. Impact on holding**

Under the terms of the Merger, AGIF X Shareholders will receive New Shares having an equivalent value to their holding of Existing Shares on the Effective Date. AGIF X Shareholders holding fractions of Existing Shares will receive fractions of New Shares in the Receiving Fund. Appendix I contains a table setting out the proposed New Share classes to be issued in respect of each Existing Share class.

The net asset value of the Merging Fund on the Effective Date will be calculated in accordance with the valuation methodology of AGIF X as set out in its Prospectus and Constitutional Document. The net asset value of the Receiving Fund on the Effective Date and following the delivery and/or transfer of the net assets of the Merging Fund to the Receiving Fund will be calculated in accordance with the valuation methodology of AGIF as set out in its Prospectus and Constitutional Document. The net asset value of the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund will not be known until after the Effective Date.

### **4.1.3. Impact on performance of Merging Fund**

On the basis that the investment objective and policies of the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund are similar, the Merger should not alter the performance experienced by AGIF X Shareholders. The Merging Fund will not bear the legal, advisory or administrative costs of the Merger and these will be borne by the Investment Manager. As the investment objective and policies of the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund are similar, and the portfolio of assets of the Merging Fund comprises eligible assets for the purposes of the portfolio of assets which can be held by the Receiving Fund, it is not expected that any repositioning of the portfolio of the Merging Fund will be required before the Merger can become effective.

### **4.1.4. Impact on rights of AGIF X Shareholders**

The Merging Fund is an existing sub-fund in an Irish UCITS authorised by the Central Bank and the Receiving Fund is an existing sub-fund in a Luxembourg UCITS authorised by the CSSF. A table setting out the shares to be received by holders of Existing Shares is contained in Appendix I. The New Shares will operate in a similar way as the Existing Shares as regards subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and payment of distributions, however the Merging Fund has a shorter settlement cycle for subscriptions and redemptions. The AGIF X Circular seeking AGIF X Shareholders' approval of the Merger, will include details of the principal differences and principal similarities between the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund. AGIF X Shareholders will be advised to consult their own professional advisers as to the tax implications of the Merger.

It is not expected that there will be any material difference in the rights of AGIF X Shareholders before and after the Merger takes effect.

#### 4.1.5. **Impact on tax status of Merging Fund and tax treatment for AGIF X Shareholders**

If the Merger is approved by the AGIF X Shareholders, the exchange and cancellation of the Existing Shares in return for the issue of New Shares shall not give rise to an Irish tax liability for the AGIF X Shareholders. In the event that New Shares are subsequently disposed of by the AGIF X Shareholders, Irish tax legislation would deem such New Shares to have been acquired at the date and at the price that the Existing Shares were originally acquired. If the AGIF X Shareholders request the repurchase of their Existing Shares, this would constitute a taxable event for Irish tax purposes and would be subject to the same tax consequences as any disposal of shares in AGIF X.

Following the Merger, no Irish tax should arise for the AGIF X Shareholders which are non-Irish tax resident in respect of their New Shares and Irish tax declarations will no longer be required.

The substantive Irish tax treatment for AGIF X Shareholders who are Irish tax resident or ordinarily resident will remain the same, following the Merger. AGIF X Shareholders who are Irish tax resident or ordinarily resident (and not exempt investors) will continue to be subject to Irish tax at the rate of 41% where the AGIF X Shareholder is not a company or 25% where the AGIF X Shareholder is a company (and the income is not taken into account as a receipt of a trade carried on by that AGIF X Shareholder). However, there are some key differences:

- The AGIF X Shareholders will be required to self-account for the Irish tax on distributions and redemptions in their own Irish tax returns each year. Historically, the Merging Fund would have deducted the Irish tax as exit tax and paid it to the Irish Revenue Commissioners on the AGIF X Shareholders' behalf. **This will no longer be the case.**
- The 8 year deemed disposal rule will continue to apply and the AGIF X Shareholders will be required to self-account for Irish tax every eight years. The 8 year period is calculated by reference to the original date of acquisition of the Existing Shares by the AGIF X Shareholders.
- The AGIF X Shareholders will be obliged to deliver a tax return to the Irish Revenue Commissioners in the year in which they acquire the New Shares. The return will need to include the name and address of the Receiving Fund and a description of the New Shares acquired (including the cost to the AGIF X Shareholder).

AGIF X Shareholders who are Irish tax resident or ordinarily resident should obtain tax advice in relation to holding the New Shares to ensure that they submit their tax returns correctly each year.

No stamp duty, documentary, transfer or registration tax would be payable in Ireland by the AGIF X Shareholders on the disposal of their Existing Shares or on the issuance of New Shares.

#### 4.1.6. **General**

Neither the Existing Shares nor the New Shares are or will be listed on a stock exchange.

The Receiving Fund is registered for sale in in each EU member state in which the Merging Fund is registered for sale.

In addition to this document containing details of the common terms of merger, the AGIF X Shareholders will receive the AGIF X Circular containing details of the Merger and details of the extraordinary general meeting to be held to allow AGIF X Shareholders to vote on the Merger. The AGIF X Circular will also contain

details of the rights of AGIF X Shareholders to request a repurchase of their shares in the Merging Fund, as the case may be, at no cost (other than those retained to cover disinvestment costs), such right to be exercisable from the date of issue of the AGIF X Circular up to 10:00am (Irish time) on 31 October 2019.

AGIF X Shareholders must satisfy all anti-money laundering requirements pursuant to relevant anti-money laundering legislation in order to participate in the Merger.

#### **4.1.7. After the Effective Date**

If the Resolution to approve the Merger is passed, the Merger will be binding on all AGIF X Shareholders on the register of members of the Merging Fund on the Effective Date. Consequently AGIF X Shareholders will be issued New Shares without any further action on their part, whether or not they voted in favour of the Merger or voted at all.

AGIF X Shareholders who do not wish to take part in the Merger must submit a redemption request by the final redemption date prior to the Effective Date in order to have their shares in the Merging Fund redeemed.

On implementation of the Merger, the Merging Fund shall cease operations on the first business day following the Effective Date. Following this date, AGIF X will fully wind-up all the affairs of the Merging Fund in accordance with the terms of its Constitutional Document and the requirements of the Central Bank.

## **4.2. Receiving Fund**

### **4.2.1. Impact on assets of Receiving Fund**

The Merger will involve the delivery and/or transfer of the net assets of the Merging Fund to the AGIF Depositary to be held on behalf of the Receiving Fund. The Receiving Fund will not bear the legal, advisory or administrative costs of the Merger.

### **4.2.2. Impact on shareholding of AGIF Shareholders**

The merger does not cause any significant economic changes for investors in the Receiving Fund. Shareholders in the Receiving Fund have received a circular detailing the Merger.

### **4.2.3. After the Effective Date**

See details set out at 3.3.7 above.

## **5. THE CRITERIA TO BE ADOPTED FOR THE VALUATION OF THE ASSETS ON THE DATE FOR CALCULATING THE EXCHANGE RATIO**

As provided above, the net asset value of the Merging Fund on the Effective Date will be calculated on the Valuation Point in accordance with the valuation methodology of AGIF X as set out in its Prospectus and Constitutional Document. The net asset value of the Receiving Fund following the delivery and/or transfer of the net assets of the Merging Fund to the Receiving Fund will be calculated in accordance with the valuation methodology of AGIF as set out in its Prospectus and Constitutional Document. The valuation methodology for the assets of the Merging Fund is substantially similar to that of the Receiving Fund. The net asset value of the Merging Fund will not be known until after the Effective Date.

For the avoidance of doubt, the New Shares to be issued to Shareholders will be calculated in accordance with the exchange ratio outlined below.

## 6. THE CALCULATION METHOD FOR THE EXCHANGE RATIO

The number of New Shares to be issued to each Shareholder will be calculated using the exchange ratio below. Once the New Shares have been issued, the relevant Shares in the Merging Fund will then be cancelled.

$$S = \frac{R \times NAV}{SP}$$

where:-

S = the number of New Shares in the Receiving Fund that will be issued;

R = the number of Shares held by the Shareholder in the Merging Fund on the Effective Date;

NAV= the last net asset value per Share of the relevant Share Class in the Merging Fund calculated as at the Valuation Point on the Effective Date, calculated in accordance with the Constitutional Document of AGIF X;

SP= the initial issue price per New Share of the relevant New Share Class in the Receiving Fund. In accordance with the above provisions, Shareholders in the Receiving Fund will receive such number of New Shares as calculated in accordance with the exchange ratio above.

In accordance with Regulation 60 of the Regulations (corresponding to article 42 of the UCITS Directive), the Independent Auditor of the Receiving Fund, PricewaterhouseCoopers Société coopérative, will validate the following: (a) the criteria adopted for the valuation on the assets and where applicable, the liabilities of the Merging Fund on the date for calculating the exchange ratio and; (b) the calculation method of the exchange ratio as well as the actual exchange ratio determined at that date for calculating that ratio. Following the Effective Date, the Independent Auditor of the Receiving Fund, PricewaterhouseCoopers Société coopérative, will prepare a report with details of its findings in relation to the above which will be available on request and free of charge to both AGIF X Shareholders and AGIF Shareholders. A copy of this report will also be available to the Central Bank.

No cash payment shall be made to the AGIF X Shareholders in exchange for the assets.

## 7. THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE MERGER

Subject to the approval of the Central Bank, the Effective Date of the Merger is to be 11:59 pm (Irish time) on 08 November 2019 or such later date as may be determined by the Directors and notified to the AGIF X Shareholders in advance. AGIF X Shareholders shall receive advance notification of any proposed change in the Effective Date. Such notification will be made in any manner which is described in the AGIF X Circular or by any established communication method which AGIF X Shareholders usually receive information in relation to AGIF X, as appropriate, including via regulatory announcements or electronic communication.

In accordance with Regulation 59 of the Regulations (corresponding to article 41 of the UCITS Directive), the AGIF X Depository and AGIF Depository will each, in respect of AGIF X and AGIF respectively, provide written verification of the Effective Date to the Central Bank.

## 8. THE RULES APPLICABLE, RESPECTIVELY, TO THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND THE EXCHANGE OF EXISTING SHARES FOR NEW SHARES

All the net assets of the Merging Fund will be transferred to the Receiving Fund on the Effective Date in exchange for

the issue of New Shares. AGIF X Shareholders participating in the Merger will receive New Shares directly in exchange for their Existing Shares in accordance with the exchange ratio as set out above.

AGIF X Shareholders participating in the Merger will receive written notification from the AGIF Registrar and Transfer Agent confirming their holding of New Shares within five (5) days of the Effective Date.

On the Effective Date, the AGIF X Depositary will arrange to record the delivery and/or transfer of the net assets of the Merging Fund to the Receiving Fund by noting that, as and from the Effective Date, it holds all of such net assets (to include any cash or securities accounts) on behalf of the Receiving Fund.

Any taxes and duties, including transfer taxes and stamp duty, payable upon the acquisition by AGIF of the property of the Merging Fund, as a result of the implementation of the Merger, will be paid by the Receiving Fund. However, the transfer of the property of the Merging Fund pursuant to the Merger should not give rise to any charge to Irish stamp duty.

## **9. CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENT**

In accordance with article 39 of the UCITS Directive, each of the AGIF X Depositary and AGIF Depositary will provide written verification to the Central Bank that the provisions outlined above are in accordance with the provisions of the Constitutional Document of AGIF X and AGIF respectively, and the UCITS Directive.

**SIGNED** on behalf of  
**Allianz Global Investors Fund X plc**



Signature

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**Allianz Global Investors Fund**

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**Markus Nilles**  
**Director**



**Oliver Drissen**  
**Director**

## APPENDIX I

List of New Share classes to be received in exchange for Existing Share classes

<b>Merging Fund</b>		<b>Receiving Fund</b>	
<b>Allianz Global Investors Fund X plc</b>		<b>Allianz Global Investors Fund -</b>	
<b>Allianz Global Equity High Alpha</b>		<b>Allianz Global Equity</b>	
<b>Share Class</b>	<b>ISIN</b>	<b>Share Class</b>	<b>ISIN</b>
<b>Euro Hedged Class</b>	<b>IE00B3VHVK75</b>	<b>WT (H2-EUR)</b>	<b>LU1951921466</b>
<b>Euro Hedged Distribution Class</b>	<b>IE00BGCRZV67</b>	<b>WQ (H2-EUR)</b>	<b>LU1951921540</b>
<b>Sterling Hedged Class</b>	<b>IE00B3VHV298</b>	<b>WT (H2-GBP)</b>	<b>LU1951921623</b>