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Dear Unitholder

# UNITED G STRATEGIC FUND APPOINTMENT OF UCITS MANAGEMENT COMPANY BY DIMENSIONAL FUNDS PLC

Thank you for investing in the United G Strategic Fund (the "Fund").

We, UOB Asset Management Ltd ("**UOBAM**"), the managers of the Fund, are writing to inform you of certain changes to some of the underlying funds which the Fund invests in.

The Fund's investment focus and approach provides that a substantial portion of the Fund's assets (up to 60%) may be invested into sub-funds of Dimensional Funds plc, an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds constituted as an investment company with variable capital under the laws of Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland ("**Central Bank**") as an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS). Before 1 April 2022, Dimensional Funds plc was a self-managed entity and had appointed Dimensional Fund Advisors Ltd. (the "**Investment Manager**") as its investment manager.

Effective 1 April 2022, following the approval of the Central Bank, Dimensional Funds plc has ceased being selfmanaged and appointed Dimensional Ireland Limited (the "**Management Company**") as its UCITS management company.

The Management Company is a limited company incorporated in Ireland and is regulated by the Central Bank. It has been authorised to manage collective investment schemes or discretionary funds since 2019. The parent of both the Management Company and the Investment Manager is Dimensional Fund Advisors LP.

We understand that there will be no change in practice to how the sub-funds of Dimensional Funds plc are currently managed. Under the terms of the management agreement between the Management Company and Dimensional Funds plc (the "**Management Agreement**"), the Management Company has been appointed to carry out the management, including investment management, distribution, and administration services, in respect of Dimensional Funds plc. The Management Company shall perform its duties under the Management Agreement using reasonable endeavours, skill and judgment, and due care and in the best interests of the shareholders. The Management Company has the discretion to delegate all the powers, duties and discretions exercisable in respect of its obligations under the Management Agreement as the manager and any delegate may from time to time agree. Any such appointment will be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

As UCITS management company, the Management Company will be entitled to receive from Dimensional Funds plc a maximum annual management fee of up to 0.02% of the net asset value ("**NAV**") of Dimensional Funds plc. Such management fee shall be payable out of the assets of the sub-funds of Dimensional Funds plc on a pro-rated basis, based on their proportional share of the total NAV of Dimensional Funds plc.

Further details of the above changes are set out in the attached notice dated 23 February 2022 issued by Dimensional Funds plc to the Fund (as one of its shareholders). *Please note that this notice is not to be construed as an offer of shares in any sub-fund of Dimensional Funds plc.* 

For the avoidance of doubt, there is no change in the Fund's investment objective, focus and approach.





The above changes will be reflected in a supplementary prospectus to the registered prospectus of the Fund to be lodged with the Monetary Authority of Singapore on or around the date of this notice. Thereafter, you may obtain a copy of it from us or any of our authorised agents or distributors, or from our website at uobam.com.sg.

## This notice is for your information only. You do not need to take any action.

We look forward to your continued support. Should you have any queries, please call our hotline number at 1800 222 2228 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily (Singapore time) or email us at <u>uobam@uobgroup.com</u>.

Yours sincerely

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Faizal Gaffoor Managing Director I CMO





# NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF DIMENSIONAL FUNDS PLC (THE COMPANY)

An umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds and an open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland with registered number 352043.

This document is important and requires your immediate attention. If you are in doubt as to the action you should take you should seek advice from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial advisor. The directors of the Company (the "Directors") accept responsibility for the information contained in this document as being accurate as at the date of publication. If you have sold or transferred all of your shares in the Company please pass this document to the purchaser or transferee or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected, for transmission to the purchaser or transferee as soon as possible.

Unless otherwise indicated, all capitalised terms in this Circular shall have the same meaning as described in the prospectus for the Company dated 26 October 2021, the First Addendum to the prospectus for the Company dated 10 November 2021, and the Second Addendum to the prospectus for the Company dated 10 December 2021 (the "**Prospectus**"), and the constitution of the Company dated 27 August 2021.

#### Germany

Copies of the Prospectus and the Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs), the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the yearly and half-yearly reports are available free of charge in paper form or electronically at the registered office of the German Facility Agent, Marcard, Stein & Co AG, Ballindamm 36 20095 Hamburg, Germany.

#### Switzerland

Copies of the Constitution, the Swiss Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Documents and the annual and interim reports of the Company may be obtained free of charge from the Representative and Paying Agent in Switzerland: State Street Bank International GmbH, Munich, Zurich Branch Beethovenstrasse 19, 8027 Zurich, Switzerland.

#### Dimensional Funds plc 25/28 North Wall Quay Dublin 1 Ireland

### (an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds)

23 February 2022

#### Dimensional Funds plc (the Company) Appointment of a UCITS Management Company

#### Dear Shareholder

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the proposed appointment of Dimensional Ireland Limited (the **Manager**) as UCITS management company to the Company. The appointment will be made subject to the approval of, and any conditions imposed by, the Central Bank of Ireland (the **Central Bank**).

The Company is currently a self-managed entity in that it is authorised to act as its own UCITS manager. Following the receipt of the *Dear Chair* letter from the Central Bank of 20 October 2020 relating to the Central Bank's review of the implementation of its Fund Management Company Guidance, the board of directors of the Company (the **Board**) has reviewed the alternatives between:

- i. remaining a self-managed entity and increasing resources to meet the Central Bank's expectations for UCITS management companies as set out in that letter; or
- ii. appointing a third-party management company.

After a full review, the Board believes it is in the best interests of shareholders (from both a cost and operational perspective) for the Company to cease being self-managed and appoint a third party UCITS management company.

The Manager is a limited company incorporated under Irish law on 20 September 2018, having its registered office at 10 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02T380, Ireland. The company secretary of the Manager is Bradwell Limited, 10 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02T380, Ireland. The Manager is authorised by the Central Bank to act as a UCITS management company. The Manager has an authorised share capital of €100,000,000 divided into ordinary shares of one euro each. The ultimate parent of the Manager is Dimensional Fund Advisors LP.

The Manager will be entitled to receive from the Company a fee in relation to each sub-fund (a Fund) which will be disclosed in the Prospectus (subject to any comments that the Central bank may have) as follows:

#### "Management Fees and Expenses

The Manager shall be entitled to a maximum annual management fee of up to 0.02% of the Net Asset Value of the Company (the "Management Fee").

The Management Fee shall be payable out of the assets of the Funds on a pro-rated basis, based on their proportionate share of the total Net Asset Value of the Company.

The Management Fee shall be subject to the imposition of VAT, if required. The Management Fee will be calculated and accrued daily and is payable monthly in arrears.

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The Manager shall be entitled to be reimbursed out of the assets of the relevant Fund for reasonable properly vouched out of pocket costs and expenses directly incurred by the Manager in the provision of its services, subject to reasonable approval by the Company and any VAT on all fees and expenses payable to or by it.

Notwithstanding the maximum annual fee payable by the Company to the Manager, the fee provisions agreed between the Company and the ManCo mean that based on the Net Asset Value (the "NAV") of the Fund as at 31 December 2021 of €27,133,454,117, the Company would be paying to the ManCo approximately €922,740 in years one and two, and approximately €1,025,266 in year three, assuming the NAV does not change. This represents an expense increase of 0.0034% to the NAV of the Company in years one and two, and 0.0038% in year three.

The Manager reserves the right to appoint certain of its affiliates as sub-investment managers and sub-distributors of the Company. There will be no change in practice as to how the sub-funds of the Company are currently managed. The Manager shall pay the fees of any sub-investment manager and sub-distributor out of the Management and Investment Management Fees paid to the Manager by the Company.

The Prospectus of the Company will be updated to reflect the appointment of the Manager on or about 1 April 2022. The updated Prospectus will be made available on the <u>www.dimensional.com</u> website.

The appointment of the Manager will occur on or about 1 April 2022.

This letter is for information only and no action is required by you.

If you have any queries in relation to this letter, please contact your usual relationship manager.

We thank you for your continuing support of the Company.

Yours faithfully

Director Dimensional Funds plc

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