

Announcement:

Close Sustainable Bond Portfolio Fund (“the Fund”)

Outcome of EGM held on 20 February 2023 re Merger Proposal

Following an EGM of the Fund held on 20 February 2023, the Board of Close Asset Management (UK) Limited (“CBAM”) (acting as Authorised Fund Manager of the umbrella Unit Trust, Close Discretionary Funds (“the Trust”)), HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT, the Extraordinary Resolution which proposed to merge the Fund (the “Merging Fund”) into the Close Select Fixed Income Fund (the “Receiving Fund” or “CSFI”) by way of a Scheme of Arrangement was duly passed.

As set out in the Merger Circular dated 23 January 2023 (a copy of which can be found on CBAM’s website at <https://www.closebrothersam.com/funds>), the Merger will now proceed. Accordingly, on 3 March 2023 the assets of the Merging Fund will be allocated to the Receiving Fund and unitholders in the Merging Fund will receive New Units in CSFI to the value of their existing Units in the Merging Fund. Unitholders will receive the same type of Unit in the Receiving Fund as the Units they held in the Merging Fund (i.e., Class X accumulation or Class I or Class X income). Since the price of Units and New Units may be different unitholders may receive a different number of New Units to their old Units, but the aggregate value will be the same.

Note: Whilst existing investors¹ in the Fund (as at 16 January 2023) may still subscribe for or redeem units in the Fund until noon on 2 March 2023 no new investors will be permitted into the Fund in that period. The Merger will take place on 3 March, when dealings in the Fund will be suspended for that business day. The next valuation point for dealing in New Units (in CSFI) will be 12.00pm on 6 March 2023.

Following the Merger, the Manager and Trustee will work through the necessary steps to formally terminate the Merging Fund.

¹ “Existing investors” refers to the name(s) of unitholders as per the unitholder register, which is maintained by Bank of New York Mellon. As units in the Fund are invariably registered in the name of various nominees and platforms, rather than being held directly, this administrative constraint will only impact potential investors who are unable to utilise the services of those existing nominees/platforms. Underlying clients of CBAM will therefore still be able to deal in units of the Fund until 2 March, even if they do not currently have a holding in the Fund, as CBAM investors hold their investments via Lion Nominees, which is already on the unit register.