# THE GUERNSEY GREEN FUND (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2021

Made:	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Coming into Operation:	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2021

The Guernsey Financial Services Commission (the "Commission"), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 12, ,14, 15, 16, 18 and 20 of the *Protection of Investors (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law*, 1987<sup>1</sup> (the "Law") hereby makes the following Rules.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXX, p. 281 as amended.

#### **Citation and Commencement**

- 1. These Rules may be cited as the Guernsey Green Fund (Amendment) Rules, 2021 and amend the Guernsey Green Fund Rules, 2018<sup>2</sup> ("the Rules").
- 2. These Rules shall come into force on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

#### Amendments

3. The Rules are amended in accordance with Annex A.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021

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## C. A. SCHRAUWERS

Chairman of the Guernsey Financial Services Commission

For and on behalf of the Commission

<sup>2</sup> No.33 of 2018.

# Annex A

# Amendments to The Guernsey Green Rules, 2018

1. In this section underlining indicates new text, to be added to the Rules, and striking through indicates text to be deleted:

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#### 6. OVERSIGHT OF THE FUND

- (1) The *designated administrator* shall ensure that the *Guernsey Green Fund* is monitored against the notified *green criteria* and the investment criteria on a monthly basis and where the *Scheme* contravenes either: <u>.</u> Where the *Guernsey Green Fund* is an open-ended investment scheme such monitoring must be performed, at a minimum, on a monthly basis and where the *Guernsey Green Fund* is a closed-ended investment scheme such monitoring must be performed, at a minimum, on a monthly basis. Where the *Guernsey Green Fund* is a closed-ended investment scheme such monitoring must be performed, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis. Where the *Guernsey Green Fund* contravenes either the notified green criteria or the investment criteria the *designated administrator:-*
  - (a) Shall immediately take such steps...

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### 8. **PROSPECTUS DISCLOSURES**

- (1) In addition to the disclosures required in any other rules to which the *Guernsey Green Fund* is subject the *prospectus* shall at least contain:
  - (a) The fact that the fund has received the designation of a *Guernsey Green Fund;*
  - (b) The notified *green criteria;*

- (c) How the *Guernsey Green Fund* will meet its objective;
- (d) That the *Guernsey Green Fund* is:
  - (i) Route 1, third party certified and the name of the independent party who will provide the certification.
  - or
  - (ii) Route 2, whereby a *licensee* will provide a declaration.
- (e) Sufficient information regarding the declaration or certification and the methodology used must be disclosed for any intended investor to make an informed judgment on the merits of investing in the *Guernsey Green Fund*.
- (f) If the governing body of the *Guernsey Green Fund* and the *manager* intend incorporating *ESG Principles* into investment analysis and decision making processes, that fact.
- (g) The *prospectus* shall state any material conflicts of interest that an investor would reasonably require to enable such investor to make an informed judgment about the merits of investing in the *Guernsey Green Fund*.
- (2) Rules 8(1)(a) and 8(1)(d) do not apply to a *Guernsey Green Fund* which is listed on a recognised stock exchange and where commensurate disclosure has been made by way of a stock exchange announcement.

# EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Rules make the following changes to the Guernsey Green Fund Rules as in force.

Firstly, the minimum frequency over which the Designated Administrator is required to monitor a closed-ended fund, against the notified green criteria and investment criteria, is extended from monthly to quarterly.

Secondly, they introduce the ability to disclose Green Fund status via a stock exchange market announcement (providing that stock exchange is recognised by the Commission).