# TT EUROPEAN EQUITY FUND

# Supplement to the Prospectus dated 28 February 2020 for TT INTERNATIONAL FUNDS PLC

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to TT European Equity Fund (the "**Fund**"), a sub-fund of TT International Funds Plc (the "**Company**"), an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds and an open-ended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds, governed by the laws of Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank.

This Supplement forms part of and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus dated 28 February 2020.

# The Fund is closed to further subscriptions.

The Directors of the Company, whose names appear in the section "**Directors of the Company**" in the Prospectus, accept responsibility for the information contained in the Prospectus and this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

Words and expressions defined in the Prospectus shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

The Fund is actively managed.

**28 February 2020** 

# **Investment Objective and Policies**

### **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to produce long term capital growth.

#### **Investment Policies:**

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing in a diversified portfolio of primarily equity and equity-related securities traded in European markets listed in Appendix I of the Prospectus which the Investment Manager believes have sound prospects for sustainable growth and represent value in the form of assets and earnings.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Fund in equity or equity-related securities traded on the exchanges of the countries included in the MSCI Europe Index (the "**Benchmark Index**"), including common stocks, preferred stocks, warrants (not more than 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Fund) and convertible debt securities including non-investment grade debt securities (not more than 5 per cent. in total of the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be invested in such securities). The process for identification and selection of eligible securities is described below in the section entitled "Identification and Selection of Eligible Securities".

The Fund may participate in initial public offerings of equity or equity-related securities of the types described above if the Investment Manager determines participation to be appropriate. The Fund may also invest (up to 10 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Fund) indirectly in such securities through holdings in open-ended collective investment schemes in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations.

Up to 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be invested in equity securities that are listed or traded on level 1 or level 2 of the Moscow Exchange in Russia.

The Benchmark Index is an index of securities that is designed to measure the equity market performance of the developed markets in Europe. Additional information on the Benchmark Index may be obtained at the following website www.msci.com/europe.

Save to the extent permitted by the Regulations, all securities will be listed or traded on the Markets listed in Appendix I of the Prospectus.

### **Identification and Selection of Eligible Securities**

The Investment Manager uses a combination of a "top-down" analysis and a "bottom-up" stock selection when constructing the portfolio. At a top-down level, the Investment Manager may consider changes in economic growth, earnings growth, valuation (both absolute and relative), fiscal, current account balances, and real interest rates. The Investment Manager may also analyse changes in political regimes, and the correlating impact on policy and on economic reform. While this top-down analysis may not result in a formal asset allocation, it helps the Investment Manager identify suitable areas to allocate its resources in the search for attractive investment opportunities. The Investment Manager is looking for securities that ideally will benefit from attractive top-down trends.

The top-down analysis uses a combination of:-

- 1. An in-depth knowledge of the universe;
- 2. Regular company meetings and engagement;
- 3. Stock screens searching for undervalued growth candidates; and
- 4. Engaging with sell-side brokers.

Bottom-up analysis focuses on individual stocks in a specific company, rather than on the industry, or the economy as a whole. "Bottom-up stock screen" filters are applied to the investment universe based on the following non-exhaustive list of financial characteristics derived from the company's audited financial reports: (i) cash flow generation; (ii) balance sheet health; and (iii) profitability and earnings growth.

Once potential stock ideas have been identified, eligible securities (including those securities, which are not listed, or traded on the Benchmark Index) may be selected by the Investment Manager using the following rigorous and systematic three-stage process, together with an integrated consideration of ESG issues (Environmental, Social and Governance):

- 1. Establish that the securities are attractively valued in the context of their assets and/or earnings.
- 2. Verify the investment case: firstly, through a variety of different sources such as speaking to management at the target company, as well suppliers, or competitors, of the target company and secondly, by way of internal discussions within the investment management team to confirm the key drivers behind the investment and any potential risks.
- 3. Identify the catalyst, which will release value. A catalyst may be anticipated political, legal, or tax changes, which may affect the target company or change in management within the target company.

This identification and selection process enables the Investment Manager to make asset allocation decisions guided by an overview of key drivers, including growth, value, liquidity currency and management.

Although the portfolio is expected to be substantially invested in long-only securities, it is permitted to have synthetic short positions, through the use of Financial Derivative Instruments, when the Investment Manager deems this to be appropriate, as set out below in the section "Use of Financial Derivative Instruments". Where the Investment Manager seeks to employ a long/short strategy, the Investment Manager will identify securities that are trading under, or over, their fundamental value, as may be determined in accordance with the investment process outlined above, or based on fundamental research of the issuer, or on statistical, technical or other factors (including liquidity of the individual security, market stresses such as a financial crisis or a political crisis that would significantly impact credit markets).

#### **Investment Restrictions**

The general investment restrictions set out under the heading "Funds – Investment Restrictions" in the Prospectus shall apply.

# **Use of Financial Derivative Instruments ("FDIs")**

The Fund may use the following FDIs: futures, options (comprising options on futures and stock options, options on indices and ETFs), foreign exchange spot and forward contracts and contracts for differences ("CFDs") for hedging, investment and efficient portfolio management purposes subject to the relevant restrictions set out in the Prospectus under the headings "Investment Restrictions" and "Use of FDI". Futures will be used primarily for hedging existing positions. In addition, in falling markets index futures may be sold instead of selling shares to facilitate the raising of cash more quickly and at a lower cost to the Fund or as a more cost-effective way of gaining exposure to stocks, other equity or equity-related securities or the market. Options will be used solely for hedging existing positions. Foreign exchange spot and forward contracts may be used for hedging, including cross hedging, the Fund's currency exposure into any currency in which investments are otherwise permitted. Investors should note that the performance of the Fund may be strongly influenced by movements in foreign exchange rates because currency positions held by the Fund may not correspond with the securities position held by the Fund. CFDs may be bought instead of purchasing the underlying equity as a more cost effective way of gaining exposure to that equity. The liquidity of the CFDs would be the same as the liquidity of the underlying stock. CFDs have the same generic risks as futures, and additionally have counterparty and legal risk as it is possible that the counterparty may not live up to its payment obligations, which could lead to an irrecoverable loss to the Fund and it is also possible that that a change in market regulations may not be explicitly covered in the governing contract, which could lead to legal disputes.

Based on the nature of the FDIs utilised, the Fund utilises the commitment approach methodology for calculation of its global exposure. The Investment Manager does not employ leverage as an investment strategy; however, the use of FDIs may introduce leverage into the Fund. The leverage exposure of the Fund through the use of FDIs will not exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, as measured using the commitment approach.

Where the Fund invests in options that are based on equity financial indices, these indices will be consistent with the investment policies of the Fund and generally will not be rebalanced more frequently than monthly. It is not anticipated that such rebalancing will increase Fund costs or impact the Fund's ability to comply with the investment restrictions.

Based on the investment policies of the Fund, the Investment Manager expects to pursue a long only equity strategy, with the ability to enter into synthetic short positions for hedging purposes, as the Investment Manager deems appropriate, acting in the best interests of the Fund. Such positions are typically expected to be within the range of 20 per cent. long and 20 per cent. short of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. The Fund is not permitted to take direct short positions.

Short positions are taken through: futures, options (comprising stock options, options on futures, indices and ETFs), forwards and CFDs which may provide exposure to any type of security in which the Fund is permitted to invest in accordance with the Investment Policies section above.

Long positions are taken through direct investment in the equity and equity-related securities listed in the Investment Policies section above including the direct purchase of convertible bonds, or through the use of FDIs that provide an alternate means of exposure to such instruments. The FDIs used for providing alternate means of long exposure are: futures, options ((comprising stock options, options on futures, indices and ETFs), forwards and CFDs.

#### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

The Fund is suitable for investors seeking long-term capital growth through investment in a portfolio of European equities and who are prepared to accept a degree of volatility particularly over short time periods.

## **Risk Factors**

The general risk factors set out under the heading "Risk Factors" of the Prospectus apply to the Fund.

# **No Class Currency Hedging**

The Base Currency of the Fund is Euro. There are also classes of Shares available in the Fund which are denominated in Sterling. The Investment Manager does not intend to hedge the currency exposure of holders of Sterling denominated classes of Shares against the Base Currency of Euro. In such circumstances these classes of Shares shall be exposed to fluctuations between the Class Currency and the Base Currency. Upon the subscription for, redemption and exchange of and distributions from the Sterling denominated classes of Shares currency exchanges will be made back to the Base Currency at the prevailing exchange rate. The value of Sterling denominated classes of Shares will be subject to an exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

# **Securities Financing Transactions and Total Return Swaps**

Maximum proportion of SFTs as a % of AUM	Expected percentage of SFTs as a % of AUM	Expected percentage of TRS as a % of AUM	
27.5%	8%	0%	

### **Key Information for Buying and Selling**

### **Base Currency of the Fund**

Euro

#### **Business Day**

Any day other than Saturday or Sunday on which banks are open for business in Dublin and London.

### **Dealing Day**

Unless otherwise determined by the Directors, notified in advance to Shareholders and disclosed in a Supplement, each Business Day shall be a Dealing Day except where the determination of the Net Asset Value has been temporarily suspended in the circumstances set out under the heading "Suspension of Calculation of Net Asset Value" in the Prospectus.

### **Dealing Deadline**

In respect of a Dealing Day, 4.00 p.m. (Irish time) on the Business Day immediately preceding a Dealing Day.

The Class Currency, the Minimum Initial Investment Amounts, Minimum Additional Investment Amounts and Minimum Shareholdings for each class of Share are set out below. The Directors may

reduce the Minimum Shareholdings, Minimum Initial Investment Amounts and Minimum Additional Investment Amounts applicable to any class of Share. The Annual Management Fee and Total Expense Ratio, Initial Issue Price, Offer Period and Initial Offer Period for each class of Share are also set out below.

Share Class	Class Currency	Minimum Initial and Additional Investment Amounts		Minimum Shareholding	Initial Issue Price	Initial Offer Period	Distributing/ Accumulation Shares	Annual Management Fee	Total Expense Ratio Cap
Class A Shares	Euro	€3,000,000	€100,000	€3,000,000	N/A	As described below	Distributing	1.00%	1.20%
Class B* Shares	Euro	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	N/A	As described below	Distributing	1.50%	1.70%
Class C Shares	Euro	€3,000,000	€100,000	€3,000,000	N/A	As described below	Accumulation	1.00%	1.20%
Class D* Shares	Euro	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	N/A	As described below	Accumulation	1.50%	1.70%
Class E* Shares	Sterling	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10	As described below	Distributing	0.60%	0.80%
Class F* Shares	Euro	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10	As described below	Accumulation	0.60%	0.80%

<sup>\*</sup> Class B Shares, Class D Shares, Class E Shares and Class F Shares shall only be available through such sub-distributors as the Distributor may approve from time to time.

## The Initial Offer Period - Unlaunched Share Classes

In relation to the Class C Shares, Class E Shares and Class F Shares, the Initial Offer Period commences on the Business Day after the date of this Supplement and concludes upon the earlier of: (i) the first investment by a Shareholder in a Class; or (ii) 9.00am (Irish time) on 2 September 2020, or (iii) such earlier or later date as the Directors may determine and notify to the Central Bank.

Investors may subscribe for Shares during the Initial Offer Period at the Initial Issue Price as set out in the table above.

#### **Following the Initial Offer Period**

In relation to the Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class D Shares, the Initial Offer Period is closed and Shares are continuously open for subscription and the issue price is the Net Asset Value of the relevant Share Class on the relevant Dealing Day.

Following launch, each Class will issue Shares at the issue price on the relevant Dealing Day.

## **Preliminary Charge**

The Company may apply a Preliminary Charge to the subscription of Shares representing the actual cost of trading but not to exceed 0.40 per cent. of the amount subscribed. The Preliminary Charge will generally be waived by the Directors or the Investment Manager on their behalf save in circumstances where, for any Dealing Day, subscription requests, in aggregate, represent 20% or more of the Net Asset Value of the Fund (as calculated on the Valuation Point prior to the relevant subscription being effected).

In such circumstances, either the relevant Shareholder(s) or the Investment Manager, at the discretion of the Investment Manager, will bear the Preliminary Charge.

## **Repurchase Charge**

The Company may apply a Repurchase Charge to the redemption of Shares representing, under normal market conditions, the actual cost of trading but not to exceed 1.00 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Shares being sold. The Repurchase Charge will generally be waived by the Directors (or the Investment Manager on their behalf) save in circumstances where, for any Dealing Day, repurchase requests, in aggregate, represent 20% or more of the Net Asset Value of the Fund (as calculated on the Valuation Point prior to the relevant repurchase being effected). In such circumstances, either the relevant Shareholder(s) or the Investment Manager, at the discretion of the Investment Manager, will bear the Repurchase Charge.

#### **Exchange Charge**

The Company may apply an Exchange Charge to the exchange of Shares of up to but not to exceed 0.40 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Shares being exchanged. The Exchange Charge will generally be waived by the Directors (or the Investment Manager on their behalf) save in circumstances where, for any Dealing Day, exchange requests, in aggregate, represent 20% or more of the Net Asset Value of the Fund (as calculated on the Valuation Point prior to the relevant exchange being effected). In such circumstances, either the relevant Shareholder(s) or the Investment Manager, at the discretion of the Investment Manager, will bear the Exchange Charge.

The Exchange Charge for exchanges may be satisfied by reducing the number of Shares to which the exchanging Shareholder would otherwise have been entitled by its exchange.

#### **Settlement Date**

For applications for subscription, within two Business Days of the relevant Dealing Day. For applications for subscriptions that shall represent 10 per cent. or more of the Net Asset Value of the Fund at the time of such application, cleared funds must be received by 3.00 p.m. (Irish time) on the Dealing Day (or such other time or on such other day as the Directors or the Investment Manager on their behalf may determine) otherwise the application will be dealt with on the next Dealing Day following receipt of cleared funds.

In the case of applications for repurchase, normally three Business Days after the Dealing Day next following receipt of the relevant duly signed and completed repurchase documentation, and further provided that all required documentation has been furnished to and received by the Administrator.

#### **Valuation Point**

Close of business in the relevant market on the relevant Dealing Day.

## **Minimum Fund Net Asset Value**

€4,000,000 (subject to the discretion of the Directors to allow lesser amounts. In the event the Directors determine to reduce the Minimum Fund Net Asset Value, a note will be included in the annual financial statements informing Shareholders).

## **Acceptance and Refusal of Applications**

The Directors may in their absolute discretion refuse to accept any application for Shares in the Fund or accept any application in whole or in part.

### **Fees and Expenses**

This section should be read in conjunction with the section entitled "Fees and Expenses" in the Prospectus. The Fund shall bear its attributable portion of the fees and operating expenses of the Company. The fees and expenses of the Company are set out in the section "Fees and Expenses" in the Prospectus.

## Fees of the Investment Manager / Distributor

The Investment Manager will be entitled to receive from the Company the annual management fee as specified in the table above. The Investment Manager will also be entitled to receive from the Company reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by it in the performance of its duties. These fees will accrue and be calculated on each Dealing Day and be payable monthly in arrears. Save in respect of Class E Shares and Class F Shares, the Investment Manager may rebate any proportion of the fees that it has received to any investor and may differentiate between potential investors in relation to the amount of such rebate. Further, save in respect of Class E Shares and Class F Shares, the Investment Manager is entitled to pay sales commissions and/or rebate any proportion of the fees that it has received to any broker, distributor, financial adviser and/or investment platform. Class E Shares and Class F Shares may only be offered through certain large distributors and/or platforms providing advisory and/or any related services to its retail investors under separate arrangements, as appointed by the Investment Manager from time to time and/or as may otherwise be determined by the Company and/or the Investment Manager at their sole discretion.

The Investment Manager as the Distributor of the Fund shall not be entitled to receive any additional fees or reimbursement for its out-of-pocket costs and expenses from the Company for its services as Distributor of the Shares of the Fund.

The Investment Manager has committed, if necessary to reimburse certain of the Fund's expenses, in order to keep the Fund's Total Expense Ratio (including the fees of the Investment Manager, Administrator and Depositary) from exceeding an annual rate of the daily Net Asset Value of the Fund as set out in the table above with respect to each Share Class (the "Expense Limitation"). The Total Expense Ratio does not include the cost of third party research and other ongoing expenses such as: the cost of buying and selling investments, applicable ongoing charges associated with investments in underlying collective investment schemes (including ETFs), withholding tax, stamp duty or other taxes on investments, commissions and brokerage fees incurred with respect to investments and such extraordinary or exceptional costs and expenses (if any) as may arise from time to time, as may be determined by the Directors in their discretion. The Investment Manager may renew or discontinue this arrangement at any time upon prior notification to Shareholders.

To the extent that the Investment Manager reimburses certain of the Fund's expenses under the Expense Limitation, the Fund's overall Total Expense Ratio will be lower than it would have been without the Expense Limitation. This reduction in the Fund's expenses may increase the Fund's investment return and such returns may not be achieved without the benefit of the Expense Limitation.

# **Depositary**

The Depositary is entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund an annual fee which will not exceed 0.50 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Fund subject to a minimum of USD \$11,000 per annum (plus any applicable taxes). This fee accrues and is calculated on each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears. The Depositary is also entitled to charge to the Fund all agreed sub-custodian fees and transaction charges, at normal commercial rates, together with reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (plus any applicable taxes), it incurs on behalf of that Fund in the performance of its duties under the Depositary Agreement, which shall be payable monthly in arrears.

#### **Administrator**

The Administrator is entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund an annual fee which will not exceed 0.06 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, subject to a minimum of USD \$39,000 per annum (plus any applicable taxes). This fee accrues and is calculated on each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears. The Administrator is also entitled to charge to the Fund all agreed fees and transaction charges, at normal commercial rates, together with reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (plus any applicable taxes), it incurs on behalf of the Fund in the performance of its duties under the Administration Agreement, which shall be payable monthly in arrears.

## **How to Buy Shares**

The initial application for Shares should be made on the Application Form and submitted to the Company care of the Administrator, in writing or by facsimile (with the original Application Form and supporting documentation in relation to money-laundering prevention checks to be received promptly) to be received by the Administrator on or prior to the Dealing Deadline for the relevant Dealing Day. Any subsequent application may be sent by facsimile or by letter.

Applications by facsimile will be treated as definite orders even if not subsequently confirmed in writing and no application will be capable of withdrawal after acceptance by the Administrator.

The Minimum Shareholding must be maintained by each investor in the Fund (subject to the discretion of the Investment Manager on behalf of the Directors) following any partial repurchase, conversion or transfer of Shares.

Unless the Directors otherwise agree, payment for Shares in the Fund must be received by the Settlement Date in cleared funds in the Base Currency as set out in the Application Form.

This section should be read in conjunction with the section "Subscription for Shares" in the Prospectus.

#### **How to Sell Shares**

Requests for the sale of Shares should be submitted to the Company care of the Administrator in writing or by facsimile. Requests received on or prior to a Dealing Deadline will be dealt with on the relevant Dealing Day. Repurchase requests by facsimile will be treated as definite orders. A repurchase request once given will not be capable of revocation without the consent of the Directors.

The amount due on the repurchase of Shares of any class in the Fund will normally be paid by the Settlement Date by telegraphic transfer to the bank detailed in the Application Form or as subsequently notified to the Administrator in writing. Payment of the proceeds of repurchase will only be paid on receipt by the Administrator of the original Application Form and supporting documentation and, any relevant repurchase documentation, and all anti money laundering procedures have been completed.

No Shareholder shall be entitled to realise part only of his holding of Shares of any class in the Fund if such realisation would result in his holding of Shares of such class after such realisation being below the Minimum Shareholding.

The Constitution contains special provisions where a repurchase request received from a Shareholder would result in more than 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of Shares in issue in the Fund being repurchased on any Dealing Day which provisions are summarised in the section "Repurchase of Shares" in the Prospectus.

The Directors are entitled to limit the number of Shares of the Fund repurchased on any Dealing Day to Shares representing 10 per cent. of the total Net Asset Value of Shares of the Fund in issue on that Dealing Day. The repurchases effected on that Dealing Day will be effected pro rata in the manner described in the section "Repurchase of Shares" in the Prospectus.

This section should be read in conjunction with the section "Repurchase of Shares" in the Prospectus.