

## NOTICE OF MERGER TO SHAREHOLDERS OF

### Nordea 1 – Danish Short-Term Bond Fund and Nordea 1 – Danish Covered Bond Fund

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We would like to inform you that the board of directors of Nordea 1, SICAV (the “**Board of Directors**”) has decided to merge **Nordea 1 – Danish Short-Term Bond Fund** (the “**Merging Fund**”) with **Nordea 1 – Danish Covered Bond Fund** (the “**Receiving Fund**”) (the “**Merger**”).

The Merging Fund together with the Receiving Fund are hereinafter to be referred to as the “**Funds**” whereas Nordea 1, SICAV is to be referred to as the “**Company**”.

The Merger shall become effective on 16 June 2020 (the “**Effective Date**”).

On the Effective Date, all assets and liabilities of the Merging Fund will be transferred to the Receiving Fund. The Merging Fund will cease to exist as a result of the Merger and thereby will be dissolved on the Effective Date without going into liquidation.

Shareholders who agree with the changes proposed in this notice do not need to take any action.

Shareholders who do not agree with the Merger have the right to request the redemption or switch of their shares free of charges from the date of the notice until before 15:30 CET on 5 June 2020, as further described below in section 5.

This notice describes the implications of the Merger and must be read carefully. **The Merger may impact your tax situation. Shareholders in the Funds are advised to consult their professional advisers as to the legal, financial and tax implications of the Merger under the laws of the countries of their nationality, residence, domicile or incorporation.**

## 1. Reasons for the Merger

- 1.1. The Board of Directors suggests an adjustment of fund offerings through the Merger. The development of the Merging Fund has not been satisfactory over the past years and the size of the Merging Fund has declined to a level of EUR 7.5 million as of end of January 2020. The Board of Directors believes that the Merging Fund has limited prospects for growth which could make continued operations economically inefficient.
- 1.2. Furthermore, the Merger aims to provide the benefit of greater fund size in the future and economies of scale.

## 2. Expected impact of the Merger on shareholders in the Merging Fund

- 2.1. Through the Merger, all assets and liabilities of the Merging Fund will be transferred to the Receiving Fund and as of the Effective Date, the Merging Fund will cease to exist without going into liquidation.
- 2.2. The Merger will be binding on all shareholders who have not exercised their right to request the redemption or switching of shares under the conditions and within the timeframe set out below. On the Effective Date, shareholders of the Merging Fund who have not exercised their right to redeem or switch shares will become shareholders in the Receiving Fund and thereby receive shares in the corresponding share class of the Receiving Fund with the ongoing charges illustrated below:

Nordea 1 – Danish Short-Term Bond Fund			Nordea 1 - Danish Covered Bond Fund		
Share class	ISIN	Ongoing charges	Share class	ISIN	Ongoing charges
BP-DKK	LU0064321317	0.37%	BP-DKK	LU0076315968	0.87%
E-EUR	LU0173777953	1.15%	E-EUR	LU0173775403	1.62%
E-DKK	LU0173797043	1.15%	E-DKK	LU0173792754	1.62%
BP-EUR	LU0173785030	0.37%	BP-EUR	LU0173779223	0.87%

2.3. In accordance with section 6, the net asset value per share in the Merging Fund and the net asset value per share in the Receiving Fund will not necessarily be the same. Therefore, while the overall value of their holding will remain the same, shareholders in the Merging Fund may receive a different number of new shares in the Receiving Fund than the number of shares they held in the Merging Fund.

2.4. The key similarities and differences between the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund are the following:

#### **Similarities:**

1. The investment objective, policy and strategy of the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund are largely similar and lead to very similar market exposure, both Funds focusing on the Danish fixed income market.
2. The base currency of both Funds is DKK.
3. The risk monitoring approach is the same for both Funds, i.e. the “Commitment” approach.
4. The portfolio management of both the Merging and the Receiving Fund is carried out by Nordea Investment Management AB and by the same management team within Nordea Investment Management AB.
5. Both the Merging and the Receiving Fund are suitable for investors seeking to achieve exposure to bond markets.
6. The procedures that apply to matters such as dealing, subscription, redemption, switching and transferring of shares and method of calculating the net asset value, are the same in the Merging Fund and in the Receiving Fund.

#### **Key Differences:**

1. The Receiving Fund’s main objective has a higher focus on covered bonds than the Merging Fund;
2. The Merging Fund is a short-term bond fund and therefore has lower average duration than the Receiving Fund, which is a medium-term bond fund.
3. The Receiving Fund is suitable for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 3 years, whereas the Merging Fund is suitable for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 1 year.
4. The risk and reward profile indicator (“SRRI”) of the Receiving Fund is 3, whereas the risk and reward profile indicator of the Merging Fund is 1, except for the non base currency share classes where the SRRI is 4 due to the foreign exchange rate fluctuations between the base currency of the fund and the currency of the share class.
5. The management fees for I, P, Q, E, C and F share classes are higher in the Receiving Fund than the management fees of the Merging Fund, whereas the past performance of the Receiving Fund, as shown in the KIIDs, is higher than in the Merging Fund.
6. Details of main differences between the Merging Fund and the Receiving Fund are disclosed in Appendix I.

### 3. Expected impact of the Merger on the shareholders in the Receiving Fund

- 3.1. On implementation of the Merger, shareholders in the Receiving Fund will continue to hold the same shares as before and there will be no change in the rights attached to such shares. The Merger will not affect the fee structure of the Receiving Fund and will result neither in changes to the articles of association nor to the prospectus, nor in changes to the key investor information documents (the “**KIIDs**”) of the Receiving Fund.
- 3.2. On implementation of the Merger, the aggregate net assets of the Receiving Fund will increase as a result of the transfer of the Merging Fund’s assets and liabilities.

### 4. Portfolio impact

The assets that will be transferred from the Merging Fund to the Receiving Fund are already compliant with the investment policy of the Receiving Fund. Any risk of performance dilution of the Merging Fund is therefore expected to be limited.

### 5. Suspension in dealings

- 5.1. Shares of the Merging Fund can be subscribed until 5 June 2020 before 15h30 CET. As from 15h30 CET on 5 June 2020, the possibility to subscribe for shares in the Merging Fund will be suspended.
- 5.2. Shares of both Funds can be redeemed or switched free of charges from the date of the notice to shareholders until before 15h30 CET on 5 June 2020. At or after 15h30 CET on 5 June 2020, the possibility to redeem or switch shares free of charges will be suspended.
- 5.3. The shareholders of the Receiving Fund will not be impacted by the suspension in subscription in the Merging Fund.
- 5.4. The right to redeem and switch shares free of charges, for shareholders of both Funds, may be restricted by transaction fees charged by local intermediaries, which are independent from the Company and the management company (the “**Management Company**”).

### 6. Valuation and exchange ratio

- 6.1. On 15 June 2020, the Management Company will calculate the net asset value per share class and determine the exchange ratio.
- 6.2. For the calculation of the exchange ratio, the rules for the calculation of the net asset value, laid down in the articles of incorporation and the prospectus of the Company, will apply to determine the value of the assets and liabilities of the Funds.
- 6.3. The number of new shares in the Receiving Fund to be issued to each shareholder will be calculated using the exchange ratio calculated on the basis of the net asset value of the shares of the Funds. The shares of the Merging Fund will then be cancelled.
- 6.4. The exchange ratio will be calculated as follows:

- The net asset value per share of the relevant share class of the Merging Fund is divided by the net asset value per share of the relevant share class in the Receiving Fund.
- The applicable net asset value per share of the Merging Fund and the net asset value per share of the Receiving Fund will be those having both been determined on the business day prior to the Effective Date.

6.5. The issue of new shares in the Receiving Fund in exchange for shares of the Merging Fund will not be subject to any charge.

6.6. Any accrued income in the Merging Fund will be included in the final net asset value of the Merging Fund and accounted for in the net asset value of the relevant share classes of the Receiving Fund after the Effective Date.

6.7. No cash payment shall be made to shareholders in exchange for the shares.

## **7. Additional documents available**

7.1. Shareholders of the Merging Fund are invited to carefully read the relevant KIIDs of the Receiving Fund and the relevant prospectus before making any decision in relation to the Merger. The KIIDs and the prospectus are available free of charges at [www.nordea.lu](http://www.nordea.lu) and at the registered office of the Company upon request.

7.2. A copy of the report of the auditor, validating the criteria adopted for valuation of the assets and, as the case may be, the liabilities and the calculation method of the exchange ratio as well as the exchange ratio, is available free of charges upon request at the registered office of the Company.

## **8. Costs of the Merger**

The Management Company will bear the legal, advisory and administrative costs and expenses associated with the preparation and completion of the Merger.

## **9. Tax**

The shareholders of the Merging Fund and of the Receiving Fund are invited to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax impact of the contemplated Merger.

## **10. Additional information**

Shareholders having any question relating to the above should contact their financial advisor or the Client Relationship Services at the Management Company at: +352 27 86 51 00.

13 May 2020

Yours faithfully

On behalf of the Board of Directors

## Appendix I

### Key features of the Merging Fund and of the Receiving Fund

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Merging Fund</b> <b>Nordea 1 – Danish Short-Term Bond Fund</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Receiving Fund</b> <b>Nordea 1 - Danish Covered Bond Fund</b></p>
<p><b>Investment objective and policy</b></p> <p>The Merging Fund's objective is to provide shareholders with investment growth in the short to medium term.</p>	<p><b>Investment objective and policy</b></p> <p>The Receiving Fund's objective is to provide shareholders with investment growth in the medium to long term.</p>
<p><b>Eligible assets</b></p> <p>The Merging Fund mainly invests in bonds denominated in DKK.</p> <p>Specifically, the Merging Fund invests at least two-thirds of its total assets in debt securities that are denominated in DKK and issued by public authorities or companies. The Merging Fund may invest in securities with a residual maturity of 2 years or more. The Merging Fund's weighted average life is expected to be above 1 year.</p> <p>Floating-rate debt securities will have their interest rates adjusted to market conditions at least once a year according to their issue terms.</p> <p>The Merging Fund's main currency exposure is to the base currency, although it may also be exposed (through investments or cash) to other currencies.</p>	<p><b>Eligible assets</b></p> <p>The Receiving Fund mainly invests in Danish covered bonds.</p> <p>Specifically, the Receiving Fund invests a minimum of two-thirds of its total assets in covered bonds that are issued by public authorities, or by companies or financial institutions that are domiciled, or conduct the majority of their business, in Denmark.</p> <p>The Receiving Fund's major part of currency exposure is hedged to the base currency, although it may also be exposed (through investments or cash) to other currencies.</p>

<p><b>Benchmark</b></p> <p>None.</p>	<p><b>Benchmark</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<p><b>Derivatives</b></p> <p>The fund may use derivatives for hedging (reducing risks), efficient portfolio management and to seek investment gains.</p> <p>The use of derivatives is not cost or risk free.</p>	<p><b>Derivatives</b></p> <p>The fund may use derivatives for hedging (reducing risks), efficient portfolio management and to seek investment gains.</p> <p>The use of derivatives is not cost or risk-free.</p>
<p><b>Strategy</b></p> <p>In actively managing the Merging Fund's portfolio, the management team selects securities that appear to offer superior investment opportunities.</p>	<p><b>Strategy</b></p> <p>In actively managing the Merging Fund's portfolio, the management team selects securities that appear to offer superior investment opportunities.</p>
<p><b>Investment manager(s):</b></p> <p>Nordea Investment Management AB</p>	<p><b>Investment manager(s):</b></p> <p>Nordea Investment Management AB</p>
<p><b>Base currency:</b> DKK</p>	<p><b>Base currency:</b> DKK</p>
<p><b>Risk Considerations</b></p> <p>The risk and reward profile indicator measures the risk of price fluctuations in the Merging Fund based on the last 5 years volatility and places the Merging Fund in category 1. This means that the purchase of units in the Merging Fund is connected to medium risk of such fluctuations.</p> <p>Following risks are materially relevant to the UCITS but are not adequately captured by</p>	<p><b>Risk Considerations:</b></p> <p>The risk and reward profile indicator measures the risk of price fluctuations in the Receiving Fund based on the last 5 years volatility and places the fund in category 3. This means that the purchase of units in the Receiving Fund is connected to medium risk of such fluctuations.</p> <p>Following risks are materially relevant to the UCITS but are not adequately captured by the synthetic indicator and may cause additional loss:</p>

<p>the synthetic indicator and may cause additional loss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- concentration</li> <li>- derivatives</li> <li>- prepayment and extension</li> <li>- covered bond</li> <li>- interest rate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- concentration</li> <li>- covered bond</li> <li>- derivatives</li> <li>- prepayment and extension</li> <li>- interest rate</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Investor Considerations</b></p> <p><b>Suitability</b></p> <p>The Merging Fund is suitable for all types of investors through all distribution channels.</p> <p><b>Investor profile</b></p> <p>Investors who understand the risks of the Merging Fund and plan to withdraw their money within a period of 1 year.</p> <p>The Merging Fund may appeal to investors who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are looking for investment growth,</li> <li>• are interested in exposure to developed bond markets.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Investor Considerations</b></p> <p><b>Suitability</b></p> <p>The Receiving Fund is suitable for all types of investors through all distribution channels.</p> <p><b>Investor profile</b></p> <p>Investors who understand the risks of the Receiving Fund and plan to withdraw their money within a period of 3 years.</p> <p>The Receiving Fund may appeal to investors who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are looking for investment growth,</li> <li>• are interested in exposure to developed bond markets.</li> </ul>