# **Key Information Document**



## **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

# Quality Trends (the "Sub-Fund")

a sub-fund of Diversified Growth Company (abbreviated as D.G.C.) (the "Fund")

Class DPM CHF - LU2016872173

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Quality Trends is authorised in Luxembourg and regulated by the CSSF.

This product is managed by NS Partners Europe S.A., which is authorised in Luxembourg and supervised by the CSSF and member of NS Partners Group.

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# What is this product?

### Type

- This product is a class of shares of the Sub-Fund and denominated in CHF. The Fund is an investment company with a variable capital and qualifies as an Undertaking for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities ("UCITS"), subject to the Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010 related to undertakings for collective investments (the "Investment Fund Law") and transposing Directive 2009/65/EC.
- The currency risk associated with the depreciation of the reference currency of the Sub-Fund (USD) against the share class currency (CHF) is hedged.
- As an investment fund, the return of the Sub-Fund depends on the performance of its underlying assets.

# **Objectives**

### Investment objective:

The investment objective of this Sub-Fund is to achieve a better performance in a global equity market than the MSCI World 100% Hedged to USD index by investing mainly in shares, certificates of shares and equity-like transferable securities.

### Investment policy:

- This Sub-Fund will have a diversified portfolio exposed to global equity markets (Europe, North America, Asia), emerging markets and China.
- The Investment Manager will attempt to achieve positive returns through the choice of investment themes that it believes will profit from long-term economic trends. Those trends can be found mainly in the information technology, ecommerce, fintech, new media, cloud, semiconductors, health care, biotechnology, luxury goods, branded goods, wellness and cleaner energy sectors.
- The Sub-Fund will seek to find higher quality companies and trends that have lower debt, higher return on equity and abnormal positive profitability. The Sub-Fund will follow a two-step selection process; initially selecting good and profitable trends based on higher and sustainable expected long-term growth and then investing typically in a group of 4 to 12 large and mid-cap stocks representative of each trend selected based on valuation and profit momentum.
- Once an economic trend is selected, the Investment Manager builds a target universe of stocks that fit into the strategy.
- This Sub-Fund will seek to be diversified in its exposure by sectors, countries and general economic areas.
- It may also invest up to 10% of its net assets in structured financial instruments such as, but not limited to, bonds and other transferable securities whose performance is linked to the

- evolution of an index, of transferable securities or a UCI or any other transferable securities whose performance is linked, amongst others, to an index that meets the requirements of Article 9 of the Grand Ducal Regulation dated February 8, 2008 (including indices on raw materials, precious metals and volatility), currencies, interest rates, transferable securities, a basket of transferable securities that is sufficiently diversified or a UCI.
- For hedging, investment and gaining exposure purposes, it may use any type of derivative financial instruments traded on a regulated market and / or traded over-the-counter, provided they are contracted with first class financial institutions specialized in this type of transaction.
- Derivatives may be used to a limited extent if there are significant subscriptions or if the Investment Manager would like to hedge the portfolio. In such cases, the Sub-Fund may use derivatives with a commitment exposure of approximately 20% and in any case no more than 100% according to Article 42 (3) of the Investment Fund Law.
- The Sub-Fund is actively managed with no reference to a benchmark.
- Given the objectives and risk and reward profile of the product, the recommended holding period is 5 years.

**Valuation Day:** This product is valued on a daily basis, on every full bank business day in Luxembourg ("Business Day").

**Subscription, redemption and conversion requests:** before 11:00 a. m., Luxembourg time, 1 Business Day preceding the Dealing Day (which is the next Business Day following a Valuation Day).

#### There is no minimum investment.

**Dividends:** This product is accumulating. The board of directors may, if thought fit and appropriate, propose to the shareholders the payment of a dividend.

### **Intended DPM Investor**

The share class DPM is dedicated to investors in discretionary portfolio management mandates ("DPM") and is not suitable for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years. It is intended for investors who wish to achieve long term appreciation through investments in world stock markets.

#### **Term**

This product was incorporated for an undefined period. The manufacturer may not terminate it unilaterally. Only the board of directors of the Fund or a general meeting of shareholders may decide to terminate it.

#### **Practical information**

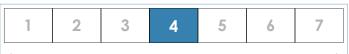
**Depositary:** UBS Europe SE, Luxembourg Branch, 33A avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg.

**Further information:** The Fund's prospectus and periodic period reports are prepared for the entire Fund. Assets and liabilities of each sub-fund are segregated by law, meaning that the liabilities allocated to one sub-fund may not impact the other sub-funds. Conversion of shares in shares of another sub-fund/class of the

Fund are allowed as more described in the prospectus of the Fund. Copies of the prospectus, last annual and semi-annual reports of the Fund and other practical information such as the latest price of the shares may be obtained free of charge, in English, from the registered office of the Fund, 3, rue Gabriel Lippmann, Münsbach, L-5365 Luxembourg or the appointed distributors. You can find the latest version on our website at www.nspgroup.com.

# What are the risks and what could I get in return?

#### **Risks**



## Lower risk Higher risk

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years.



The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 4 out of 7, which is a medium risk class.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium level, and poor market conditions could impact our capacity to pay you.

**Be aware of currency risk.** You will receive payments in a different currency, so the final return you will get depend on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above.

Not all risks affecting the Sub-Fund are adequately captured by the summary risk indicator.

This rating does not take into account other risk factors which should be considered before investing, including concentration, counterparty, credit, liquidity and operational risks.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

Beside the risks included in the risk indicator, other risks may affect the fund performance. Please refer to the Fund prospectus, available free of charge at www.nspgroup.com.

### Performance scenarios

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average and best performance of the product over the last 10 years, by identifying, depending on the performance scenarios and as defined in the Key Information Document's EU regulation, all overlapping sub-intervals individually (i) equal in length to the recommended holding period which start or end in each month which are contained within that period of 10 years or (ii) equal or shorter in length to the recommended holding period, but equal to or longer than one year, which end at the end of that period of 10 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances.

**Unfavourable:** this type of scenario occurred for an investment between 31 December 2021 and 28 February 2023.

Moderate: this type of scenario occurred for an investment between 31 August 2013 and 31 August 2018.

Favourable: this type of scenario occurred for an investment between 29 October 2016 and 29 October 2021.

Recommended holding period Example Investment		5 years CHF 10,000		
Scenarios		if you exit after 1 year	if you exit after 5 years (recommended holding period)	
Minimum	There is no minimum guaranteed return. You could lose some or all of your investment.			
Stress	What you might get back after costs Average return each year	<b>CHF 3,795</b> -62.1%	<b>CHF 2,844</b> -22.2%	
Unfavourable	What you might get back after costs Average return each year	<b>CHF 6,913</b> -30.9%	<b>CHF 7,335</b> -6.0%	
Moderate	What you might get back after costs Average return each year	<b>CHF 10,257</b> 2.6%	CHF 12,266 4.2%	
Favourable	What you might get back after costs Average return each year	<b>CHF 14,825</b> 48.3%	<b>CHF 17,738</b> 12.2%	

# What happens if NS Partners Europe S.A. is unable to pay out?

You are exposed to the risk NS Partners Europe S.A. might be unable to meet its obligations in connection with the product. This may materially adversely affect the value of the product and could lead to you losing some or all your investment in the product. A potential loss is not covered by an investor compensation or protection scheme.

# What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### Costs over time

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed (i) in the first year you would get back the amount that you invested (0% annual return) and, for the other holding periods, the product performs as shown in the moderate scenario and (ii) CHF 10,000 is invested.

Example Investment CHF 10,000	if you exit after 1 year	if you exit after 5 years (recommended holding period)
Total Costs	CHF 453	CHF 1,382
Annual cost impact*	4.5%	2.2% each year

(\*) This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period, your average return per year is projected to be 6.4% before costs and 4.2% after costs.

#### Composition of costs

One-off costs upon entry or exit	Annual cost impact if you exit after 1 year	
Entry costs	<b>3.00%</b> maximum of the amount you pay in when entering this investment. In case of conversion into shares of another class or another sub-fund, no conversion fee is charged but shareholders may be requested to bear the difference in subscription fee if higher.	up to CHF 300
Exit costs	<b>0.00%</b> , we do not charge an exit fee for this product, but the person selling you the product may do so.	CHF 0
Ongoing costs taken each year		
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	<b>1.53%</b> of the value of your investment per year. Such estimate has been been carried out by adopting as proxy either a comparable PRIIP or a peer group.	CHF 153
Transaction costs	<b>0.00%</b> of the value of your investment per year. Such estimate has been been carried out by adopting as proxy either a comparable PRIIP or a peer group.	CHF 0
Incidental costs taken under sp		
Performance fees	<b>0.00%.</b> There is no performance fee for this product.	CHF 0

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

### Recommended holding period ("RHP"): 5 years

The RHP has been defined by taking into account the above objectives and risk and reward profile. You should be prepared to stay invested for at least 5 years. However, you can redeem your investment without penalty prior to the end of the RHP, or hold the investment longer. Redemption requests must be received before 11:00 a.m., Luxembourg time to be dealt with on the basis of the net asset value per share applicable on that Valuation Day. Payment for redemptions is expected to be made within 1 Business Day after the Dealing Day. Any cashing-in before the end of the RHP may have a negative consequence on your investment.

# How can I complain?

The purpose of the Complaints Handling Procedure of NS Partners Europe S.A. is to ensure that complaints are handled in a manner which is fair, objective and truth oriented. A complaint is an expression of dissatisfaction received, whether in oral or in written, from or on behalf of an eligible complainant, about the company's provision of, or failure to provide, a financial service. A request for information, clarification or service is not a complaint. A complainant can request the detailed complaint at NS Partners Europe S.A., Compliance Officer, 11, boulevard de la Foire, L-1528 Luxembourg, Fax: +352 26.27.11.69, E-mail: complaint@nspgroup.lu. The complainant has also the possibility to lodge a complaint directly with financial intermediaries, such as local distributors and/or paying agent of the relevant country of distribution, who will escalate the complaint to the Fund. NS Partners Europe S.A. will send a written acknowledgement of receipt to the complainant within 10 working days after the receipt of the complaint, unless the answer itself is provided to the complainant within this period. NS Partners Europe S.A. shall seek to provide an answer to the complaint without undue delay and in any case within a period not exceeding 1 (one) month from the date of receipt of the complaint. If the answer cannot be provided within this period, NS Partners Europe S.A. will inform about the causes of the delay and the timescale to respond to the complaint. Where the complainant did not obtain an answer or a satisfactory answer at the level at which s/he submitted his/her complaint in the first instance, he/she has the opportunity to raise the complaint up to senior management: NS Partners Europe S.A., Conducting Officers, 11, Boulevard de la Foire, L-1528 Luxembourg.

### Other relevant information

Investment Manager: NS Partners S.A., 18 Rue du Mont-Blanc, CH-1201 Geneva, Switzerland.

**Performance scenarios:** You can find previous performance scenarios updated on a monthly basis at https://nspartners.priips-scenarios.com/LU2016872173/en/KID/.

Past performance: You can download the past performance over the last 3 years from our website at https://nspartners.priips-performance-chart.com/LU2016872173/en/KID/.

Past performance has been achieved prior to the merger taking place on 30 December 2022 of the Sub-Fund with a sub-fund of a specialised investment fund "NS Selection SICAV-SIF- Quality Trends" (merging sub-fund) which was subject to different investment limitations and diversification rules. Therefore, circumstances that allowed to achieve past performance are no longer applicable and may not be treated as a guide to future performance.