# **KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION**



This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest. Unless otherwise defined in this document, all words and expressions defined in the Fund's current Prospectus shall have the same meaning herein.

## GAM Star Cat Bond (the "Fund") a sub-fund of GAM Star Fund plc.

Class Ordinary USD Accumulation (the "Share Class") ISIN: IE00B4VZPG27 Manager: GAM Fund Management Limited part of GAM Group AG.

#### **Objectives and Investment Policy**

- ▶ The investment objective of the Fund is to generate returns.
- The Fund seeks to achieve this objective through selective investment in a global portfolio of catastrophe bonds ("CAT Bonds"). CAT Bonds are debt securities that transfer the risk of catastrophic events from insurance companies, reinsurance companies, corporations, governments, etc. to the capital markets.
- CAT Bonds may or may not be rated by an independent rating agency and there are no credit quality or maturity restrictions on the CAT Bonds to which the Fund may gain exposure. Such CAT Bonds may have fixed, variable or floating rates of interest and have a maturity of 1-4 years.
- The Fund's investments in CAT Bonds are subject to relative infrequent but severe losses resulting from the occurrence of one or more catastrophic events.
- The Fund may also hold up to 10% in Fixed Income Securities issued by companies in the insurance sector, such as corporate bonds, including junior debt securities, which need not be of investment grade.

- The fund manager adopts an active investment approach which centres on extensive due diligence and sophisticated risk modelling.
- Shares in the Fund can be bought and sold every second and fourth Monday and the last Business Day of the month.
- Any income arising from this Share Class will be accumulated. Other share classes of the Fund may distribute income.
- The fund manager has discretion in managing the investments of the Fund.
- The Fund will only use a limited number of simple derivative instruments for non-complex investment purposes and/or efficient portfolio management purposes. Although the use of derivatives may give rise to an additional exposure any such additional exposure will not exceed its Net Asset Value of the Fund.
- The Fund may also use the following techniques and instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes; When-Issued and Forward Commitment Securities.
- Recommendation: this Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

#### **Risk and Reward Profile**



The risk indicator is based on the volatility of the Fund's performance over the last 5 years. Where 5 years' performance history is not available the data is supplemented by proxy fund, benchmark data or a simulated historical series as appropriate.

- This profile is determined using historical data, as such may not be a reliable indication for the future risk profile. It is not guaranteed and may shift over time.
- ► The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'.
- The Fund does not offer any capital guarantee or assurance that the investor will receive a fixed amount when redeeming.

Further risks that may have a significant effect on the net asset value of the Fund include:

- Insurance-Linked Securities Risk: Cat bonds are exposed to catastrophes through which they may suffer substantial or total losses of capital. In such an event or combination of events, which may happen at any time, the Fund's value may fall significantly and may not recover.
- Liquidity Risk: some investments can be difficult to sell quickly which may affect the value of the Fund and, in extreme market conditions, its ability to meet redemption requests.

The "Risk Factor" section of the Prospectus and the "Risk Factor" section of the Fund Supplement for this Fund give you more details about all the risks for the Fund – see under "Practical Information" for how to obtain a copy.

#### **Charges for this Share Class**

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Share Class, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	Up to 5%
Exit charge	Nil
Switching charge	Up to 1%
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money	
before it is invested/before the proceeds of your investment are	
paid out.	
Charges taken from the Class over a year	
Ongoing charges	1.66%
Charges taken from the Class under certain specific	
conditions	0.63%
Performance fee	0.62%
(30 June 2014 financial	Calculation Methodology: 10%
year)	of any Share Class Return above
	the 3 month LIBOR rate, subject
	to a High Water Mark.

The **entry, exit and switching charges** shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less – you can find this out from your financial adviser.

You may be charged a **dilution levy** of up to 1% of the value of the Shares (representing the cost of buying or selling investments) on entry to or exit from the Fund.

The **ongoing charges** figure is based on expenses for the year ending 31 December 2014. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes bank interest, portfolio transaction costs and any performance fees if applicable.

For more information about charges, please see the "Fees and Expenses" section of the Prospectus and the "Fees" section of the Fund Supplement, which are available at www.gam.com

### Past Performance



 Please note that past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future performance of the Fund.

- The data is net of tax and charges and is exclusive of subscription and redemption fees, as any subscription and redemption fees are not received by the Fund.
- The Fund launched in 2011. Performance shown relates to the Share Class and is calculated in USD.

#### **Practical Information**

- The custodian of the Fund is J.P. Morgan Bank (Ireland) plc.
- Should you require further information on this Fund, the Share Class or other share classes of the Fund, you may visit GAM's website (www.gam.com) to obtain the current Prospectus and Fund Supplement and the most recent annual and any subsequent half-yearly reports and accounts. The documents referred to shall be provided free of charge in English on request.
- This Key Investor Information Document is specific to the Share Class but is considered representative of all other Ordinary, Distribution, Institutional, U, W, X and Z share classes for this Fund. Information relating to these share classes is available in the "Description of Shares" section of the Prospectus.
- The Net Asset Value of the Fund is calculated in USD and is available from GAM Fund Management Limited, on www.gam.com and the Irish Stock Exchange.
- The Fund is subject to the tax laws and regulations of Ireland. Depending on your home country of residence, this might have an impact on your investment. For further details, please speak to an adviser.

- The Directors of GAM Star Fund plc may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus and Fund Supplement.
- Subject to the conditions set down in the Prospectus, you are entitled to switch from one share class to another, either in the Fund or in another sub-fund of GAM Star Fund plc. Please refer to the "How to Switch Shares" section of the Prospectus for further information on how to switch.
- This Fund is a sub-fund of GAM Star Fund plc, an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds. You can find out more information about the umbrella fund in the Prospectus. The Prospectus and periodic reports are prepared in the name of GAM Star Fund plc.

This Fund is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. GAM Fund Management Limited is authorised in Ireland and is also regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.