



CARNE GLOBAL FUND MANAGERS (IRELAND) LIMITED

REMUNERATION POLICY

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1. Background

Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the “**Company**”) has designed and implemented this remuneration policy (the “**Remuneration Policy**”) in line with the provisions of the European Union (Alternative Investment Fund Managers) Regulations 2013 and the European Commission Delegated Regulation No 231/2013 (together the “**AIFM Regulations**”) and the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended, consolidated or replaced from time to time (the “**UCITS Regulations**”) (the AIFM Regulations and UCITS Regulations, collectively the “**Regulations**”). This Remuneration Policy has also been drafted in accordance with the European Securities Markets Authority (“**ESMA**”) Guidelines on Sound Remuneration Policies under the AIFMD (ESMA/2013/232) (the “**ESMA AIFMD Guidelines**”) and the ESMA Guidelines on Sound Remuneration Policies under the UCITS Directive (ESMA/2016/575) (the “**ESMA UCITS Guidelines**”) (the ESMA AIFMD Guidelines and the ESMA UCITS Guidelines, collectively the “**ESMA Guidelines**”) (the Regulations and the ESMA Guidelines, collectively, the “**Remuneration Requirements**”). Further, consideration has been given to the requirements as outlined in Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (the “**SFDR Requirements**”).

This Remuneration Policy has been prepared in line with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the Company and the Funds or the investors of the Funds and ensures that the Company maintains and applies a sound and prudent remuneration process which does not impair compliance with the Company’s duty to act in the best interest of the Funds, which identifies and manages any conflicts of interest, promotes sound and effective risk management and does not encourage risk taking which is inconsistent with the risk profile of the Company or the risk profiles and constitutional documents of the alternative investment funds (“**AIFs**”) and UCITS funds (“**UCITS**”) under management (together, the “**Funds**”).

This Remuneration Policy has been adopted by the board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

2. Definition of remuneration

For the purposes of this Remuneration Policy, remuneration consists of:

- All forms of payments or benefits paid by the Company;
- Any amount paid by a Fund itself, including carried interest (e.g. performance fees);
- Any transfer of units or shares of a Fund,

in exchange for professional services rendered by the Identified Staff (as defined below).

All remuneration can be divided into:

- Fixed remuneration (payments or benefits without consideration of any performance criteria); and
- Variable remuneration (additional payments or benefits depending on performance or, in certain cases, other contractual criteria).

Both components of remuneration (fixed and variable) may include monetary payments or benefits (such as cash, shares, share options, cancellation of loans to staff members at dismissal, or pension contributions) or non-monetary benefits (such as discounts, fringe benefits or special allowances for car, mobile phone, etc.).

Ancillary payments or benefits that are part of a general, non-discretionary, Company-wide policy and which pose no incentive effects in terms of risk assumption are excluded from the definition of remuneration.

The Company ensures that variable remuneration is not paid through vehicles or methods that facilitate the avoidance of the Remuneration Requirements and the Board retains the primary responsibility for ensuring that the ultimate goal of having a sound and prudent remuneration policy and structure is not improperly circumvented.

3. Definition of Identified Staff

This Remuneration Policy covers all staff whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the Company or of the Funds ("**Identified Staff**"). Under the ESMA Guidelines, Identified Staff are classified as categories of staff, including senior management, risk takers, control functions and any employee receiving total remuneration that falls into the remuneration bracket of senior management and risk takers, whose professional activities have a material impact on the Company's risk profile or the risk profiles of the Funds and categories of staff of the entity(ies) to which investment management activities or risk management have been delegated by the Company, whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the Funds.

The ESMA Guidelines provide further detailed guidance regarding the classification of Identified Staff. On the basis of same, the Company has determined the following persons to be Identified Staff for the purposes of this Remuneration Policy:

1. all designated persons;
2. all members of the Board;
3. the compliance officer;
4. the risk officer;
5. the chief operating officer; and

6. all members of the investment committee.

The Company's parent company is Carne Global Financial Services Limited ("**Carne**"). Carne operates through a shared services organisational model which provides that Carne employs the majority of staff and enters into inter-group agreements with other Carne Group entities within the group to ensure such entities are resourced appropriately. Additionally, the Company directly employs a limited number of staff.

With the exception of one individual acting as non-executive independent director, who is external to the Company and who receives a fixed remuneration for his role as member of the Board, all other directors of the Company are part of the Carne Group and as such receive no separate remuneration for their role within the Board. For the avoidance of doubt, the Company shall not pay the fees and expenses of the directors of the Company directly out of the assets of the Funds under management.

All Identified Staff other than the independent director are remunerated as employees of other Carne Group companies with a combination of fixed and variable discretionary remuneration where the latter is assessed on the basis of their overall individual contribution to the Carne Group, with reference to both financial and non-financial criteria and not directly linked to the performance of specific business units or targets reached or the performance of the Funds.

Any performance related payment is assessed by Carne Group's human resources function in the context of longer term, multi-year performance and designed to not encourage short-term risk taking. Although the performance of the Funds could ultimately affect the performance of the Company because of its business model (the Company earns a basis point fee from certain Funds), the activities of the Identified Staff have no direct bearing on the performance capabilities of the Funds and the performance of the Funds does not directly impact the remuneration of the Identified Staff.

The investment and risk setting exercises of the Company occur in a collective collegiate framework which prevents any one Identified Staff exerting an inappropriate influence over the risk appetite and investment profile of the Funds. The Identified Staff are not remunerated directly by the Company but there is a service level agreement in place between the Company and the other Carne Group entities for the provision of their services.

4. The Principles affecting pay structure and risk alignment

The Regulations require the Company to comply with a detailed list of principles when establishing and maintaining its remuneration policies and practices.

Carne has implemented a remuneration structure whereby the fixed and variable components of total remuneration are appropriately balanced, and the fixed component represents a sufficiently high proportion of the total remuneration. As any variable remuneration portion is fully discretionary, Carne retains full flexibility in the operation of the flexible remuneration component

as it has the possibility to award no variable pay. This means that any variable remuneration is paid only if it is sustainable according to the financial situation of the Carne Group, as a whole, and justified according to the performance of the Company together with the overall performance of the Carne Group and the individual concerned. Where there is subdued or negative performance of the Company, the award of any variable remuneration will take into account the current total compensation of the individual and his/her contribution to the Carne Group as a whole.

Carne does not offer guaranteed variable remuneration to any employees or directors. Carne is mindful that, should it in future offer guaranteed variable remuneration, that this may only be exceptional, occurring only in the context of hiring new staff and limited to the first year.

In light of the limited impact of the remuneration of the Identified Staff on the risk profile of the Funds and the nature of the business of the Company in its role as a third-party management company, the remuneration structure of the Identified Staff and the delegation of the investment management activity for most Funds to the relevant entities appointed (and where retained, only in respect of illiquid strategies), the Company believes that it is not appropriate for any variable remuneration that is offered to Identified Staff to comprise units or shares of the Funds or equivalent ownership interests. Similarly, the Company does not deem appropriate that deferral of the variable remuneration policy should be implemented in view of the life cycle and redemption policy of the Funds, as the variable remuneration components are not based on the performance of the Funds and therefore there is no risk of misalignment with the nature of the risks of the Funds.

Where Identified Staff also receive pension benefit arrangements, these arrangements will be in line with the Company's risk appetite, business strategy, objectives, values and long-term interests including those of the Funds or the investors of such Funds.

Neither the Company's nor the Carne Group's remuneration framework currently provides for payments related to the early termination of a contract. In the event that such payments may be provided in future, the Company is mindful that such arrangements must be designed to reflect performance achieved over time and in a way that does not reward failure.

5. Proportionality

5.1. Pay-out Process Rules

The Remuneration Policy has been drafted in line with the Remuneration Requirements in a way and to an extent deemed appropriate to its size, internal organisation and the nature, scope and complexity of its activities as a third-party management company. Taking into consideration the risk profile, appetite and risk strategy of the Company and each of the Funds together with a non-exhaustive combination of its size, internal organisation, and the nature, scope and complexity of its activities, together with any other relevant criteria and within the limits of the ESMA

Guidelines, the Board has dis-applied the requirements of the ESMA Guidelines in relation to the following:

- a) variable remuneration in instruments;
- b) retention;
- c) deferral; and
- d) ex post incorporation of risk for variable remuneration (together, with the immediately foregoing bullets points, the “**Pay-out Process Rules**”).

With regard to the ESMA UCITS Guidelines, the Board notes that these guidelines (unlike the ESMA AIFMD Guidelines) do not offer any guidance as to whether the application of the proportionality principle may enable management companies such as the Company to dis-apply the specific requirements above, however, in a letter to the European Union law-making institutions published alongside the ESMA UCITS Guidelines (the “**ESMA Letter**”), ESMA set out its view that it should be possible to dis-apply the Pay-out Process Rules under specific circumstances and that it should also be possible to apply lower thresholds whenever minimum quantitative thresholds are set for the Pay-Out Rules. In the absence of legislative amendment at European level, or clarification at member state level, the Company has made its own assessment as to the application of the proportionality principle and in doing so has deemed it appropriate to have regard to ESMA’s views in the ESMA Letter regarding the circumstances in which the principle of proportionality may be relied upon.

This determination to disapply the Pay-out Process Rules will be reviewed regularly by the Board and at a minimum on an annual basis as part of the overall Remuneration Policy review.

5.2. Remuneration Committee

Based on an analysis of the application of proportionality under the EMSA Guidelines, the Company has also determined not to constitute a separate remuneration committee and for remuneration matters to be determined through an existing committee of the Board. The Company will keep this under review and, at a minimum, on an annual basis as part of the overall Remuneration Policy review.

The Company’s Operations & Compliance Committee is responsible for the ongoing implementation of the Company’s remuneration matters and will assess, oversee and review the remuneration arrangements of the Company as well as that of the delegates as relevant, in line with the provisions of the Remuneration Requirements. The Operations & Compliance Committee meets at least quarterly and reviews the Remuneration Policy and any issues arising in relation to the remuneration frameworks relating to the Company and the Funds.

6. Disclosure

The Company will disclose details of its remuneration arrangements through a periodic disclosure in the annual report of the Company and as part of the public disclosure in the financial statements of the Funds. The Company will ensure that the disclosure is clear and easily understandable and accessible. Without prejudice to confidentiality and applicable data protection legislation, the Company will also disclose detailed information regarding its remuneration policies and practices for members of staff whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the Funds, as well as providing general information about the basic characteristics of the Company's remuneration policies and practices in line with the Remuneration Requirements. A copy of the Remuneration Policy will also be made available on <http://www.carnegroup.com/policies-and-procedures/>.

The prospectus for each Fund and key investor information document(s) for each UCITS fund shall also contain the disclosures required under the Remuneration Requirements.

7. Delegation of Portfolio Management/Risk Management

When delegating portfolio management or risk management activities according to the Regulations, the Company will ensure that:

- a) the entities to which portfolio management or risk management activities have been delegated are subject to regulatory requirements on remuneration that are equally as effective as those applicable under the ESMA Guidelines; or
- b) appropriate contractual arrangements are put in place with entities to which investment management activities have been delegated in order to ensure that there is no circumvention of the remuneration rules set out in the ESMA Guidelines. These contractual arrangements cover any payments made to the delegates' Identified Staff as compensation for the performance of portfolio or risk management activities on behalf of the Company and the Funds under the terms of the relevant delegation agreement.

The Company performs the above assessment as part of its client approval/take on process. The Company acknowledges that delegates may be able to disapply the Pay-out Process Rules or the requirement to establish a remuneration committee under the ESMA Guidelines on the basis of proportionality and details of any such proportionality analysis will be provided by the delegate to the Company for review. The Company maintains remuneration details relating to the delegation arrangements for each Fund managed by the Company.

The Board requires each delegate to provide them with an annual confirmation that its remuneration policies and practices are in line with the applicable Remuneration Requirements.

8. SFDR Requirements

As per Article 5 of SFDR, financial market participants (i.e. UCITS Management Companies and AIFMs) are required to include in their remuneration policies information on how those policies

are consistent with the integration of sustainability risks and shall publish that information on their websites.

As outlined previously, all Identified Staff other than the independent director are remunerated as employees of other Carne Group companies with a combination of fixed and variable discretionary remuneration where the performance of the Funds does not directly impact the remuneration of the Identified Staff. In light of the limited impact of the variable remuneration of the Identified Staff on the risk profile of the Funds and the nature of the business of the Company including the delegation of the investment management activity for most Funds to the relevant entities appointed, the Company believes as the variable remuneration components are not based on the performance of the Funds, there is no risk of misalignment with the sustainability risks associated with the investment decision making process of the Company in respect of the Funds.

As noted above, the Company generally delegates portfolio management activity to a suitably qualified investment manager. Where delegated, the investment manager shall ensure that it adopts remuneration policies and procedures which are consistent with the integration of sustainability risks, if sustainability risks are integrated into the investment decision making process. The Company shall seek periodic confirmations from each delegate investment manager that these policies are being complied with and the remuneration structures are not encouraging excessive risk-taking with respect to sustainability risks and remuneration is limited to risk adjusted performance.

In certain instances, and only for illiquid AIFs, the Company may retain portfolio management. As noted previously, although the performance of the Funds could ultimately affect the performance of the Company because of its business model (the Company earns a basis point fee from certain Funds), the activities of the Identified Staff have no direct bearing on the performance capabilities of the Funds and the performance of the Funds does not directly impact the remuneration of the Identified Staff. Accordingly, the Company believes that where portfolio management is retained, its existing structures are sufficient to prevent excessive risk taking in respect of sustainability risks.

9. Review and Implementation of the Policy

The Remuneration Policy has been adopted by the Board and the Board is responsible for its implementation. The Board is ultimately responsible for assessing, overseeing and reviewing the remuneration arrangements of the Company as well as that of the delegates as relevant, in line with the provisions of the Remuneration Requirements and the ongoing implementation of such remuneration matters is assigned to the Operations & Compliance Committee for determination and escalation to the Board as relevant.

The Remuneration Policy is subject to at least annual review by the Board and the Operations & Compliance Committee. The Remuneration Policy is not subject to an independent external review.

The day-to-day implementation of the Remuneration Policy has been assigned to the compliance officer who is responsible for keeping the Remuneration Policy up to date in light of business and staff changes and in line with applicable regulatory requirements. The compliance officer is also responsible for the ongoing monitoring of the implementation of and compliance with the Remuneration Policy and, in this regard, the compliance officer will liaise with the Carne Group human resource function

