

## **PRIVACY NOTICE**

### **First State Investments ICVC**

#### **Background**

This Notice gives information on how the First State Investments (UK) group of companies collect, use and protect the personal data held about investors.

This Notice describes how we will fulfil our obligations under applicable data protection laws, including Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 (the **General Data Protection Regulation** or **GDPR**).

#### **Information about us**

References in this Notice to First State Investments (UK) will include the following companies:

**First State Investments ICVC\***  
**First State Investments (UK) Limited\***  
(together “we”, “us” or “our”)

\*Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority of the United Kingdom

#### **Information we may collect**

First State Investments (UK) collects from time to time, personal data on investors from a number of sources, including from: investor application forms; other First State Investments (UK) forms (including website forms); correspondence, conversations with clients, advisers, intermediaries; business cards; third party service providers to our funds (for example, transfer agents, administrators, distributors, custodians, paying agents); client advisers; other third parties; and from public sources. This information may be collected directly from investors or indirectly from third parties, as follows:

##### **From you**

We may collect from you and process the following personal data:

- Your name; address (including proof of name and address); photo identification; contact details both personal and work (for example, your email and phone numbers); job title and company; nationality; citizenship; tax residency; date of birth; passport details; national insurance number and other tax details; adviser details; investment details; banking details; signed contracts with you; business cards, contact sheets and biographies; financial dealings; family connections; details of your company’s directors, secretaries, authorised signatories and identification documents; details of any complaints made; data received from due diligence activities (such as anti-money laundering, politically exposed persons and sanctions checks); responses to surveys and competitions; fraud enquiries (for example, information from police reports); images captured by CCTV cameras on our premises; recordings of telephone conversations and electronic communications with our staff.

##### **From third parties**

We may collect personal data about you from third parties in particular:

- **Third party service providers to our funds** (for example, transfer agents, registrars, administrators, distributors, custodians and paying agents) – information received includes personal details of investors obtained from fund application forms such as: name; address; contact details; nationality; national insurance number; date of birth; tax residency; adviser details; investment details; bank account details.
- **Your advisers (including independent financial advisers)** – information received may include your name, address, gender, date of birth; bank details.
- **Our vendors** such as Experian and World-Check – information received includes the results of “Know Your Client”, anti-money laundering, politically exposed persons and sanctions checks.
- **Publically available sources** such as MandateWire and LinkedIn – information available includes contact details of institutional investors (MandateWire) and details of job title, company, former employers and roles, and connections (LinkedIn).

### How we will use the information we collect

The information we collect and use will depend on the nature of our business relationship with you, as follows:

- In relation to **prospective investors**, we may process personal data for identification purposes (prior to becoming an investor in our funds ), for the purposes of anti-money laundering, counter terrorist financing, suitability and appropriateness assessments, “Know Your Client” and credit-worthiness checks, and for any other applicable legal or regulatory reasons. Failure to provide relevant information will mean that we will not be able to on-board a potential investor.
- In relation to **investors in our funds**, we may process information collected for the purpose of account administration and other general business purposes (for example, for processing subscriptions and investments; maintaining the share register of investors, carrying out investor instructions; handling any complaints and enquiries; sending investor communications, including financial reports, valuations, corporate actions). In addition, in order to comply with regulatory obligations, we may collect and disclose certain information about our investors and certain related persons and their investments to HM Revenue & Customs and/or other relevant tax authorities overseas.
- In connection with a proposed **scheme of arrangement** under which shares in one of our funds may be exchanged for shares in another of our funds, we may process information by providing it to the other fund and its service providers in order to allow that other fund to carry-out know-your-client and anti-money laundering checks in preparation for the scheme (including in relation to investors who do not decide to transfer), to issue shares under the scheme and to act on instructions given by the holders of those shares.
- We may from time to time process personal data of **investors** to comply with legal and regulatory requirements impacting our business. In particular, we may need in the context of our business: to obtain legal advice on legal and regulatory requirements; to report to relevant regulators; to comply with market opening and registration requirements in the conduct of our business.
- In relation to **intermediaries who introduce investors into our funds** (such as distributors, platforms and independent financial advisers), we may process personal data to conduct market research, gauge product sales or product performance or assess the creditworthiness

of intermediaries. In addition, we may process the personal data of investors introduced to our funds, as outlined above.

- **Monitoring purposes:** we may process personal data to analyse the performance of IT systems, monitor usage of resources and systems and to improve products, services and usability of our technology platform, including telephone calls and electronic communications with our staff which may be recorded for the purposes of retaining a record of communications, in the interests of security, for training and compliance monitoring purposes and/or to comply with legal or regulatory obligations.
- **Where you have provided your consent, we may process your personal data for the purposes of informing you (for example, by telephone, mail and email) about other products and services available from the First State Investments (UK) group of companies and of marketing campaigns and event invitations.**

We are entitled to use your personal data in these ways because:

- We have legal and regulatory obligations that we have to discharge;
- We may need to in order to establish, exercise or defend our legal rights or for the purpose of legal proceedings;
- The use of your personal data as described is necessary for our legitimate business interests (or the legitimate interests of one or more of our affiliates);
- The use of your personal data is necessary for the performance of a contract with you;
- You have provided your consent to us processing your personal data (other than for marketing purposes); or
- **You have provided your consent to us processing your personal data for the purposes of informing you (for example, by telephone, mail or email) about other products and services available from the First State Investments (UK) group of companies and of marketing campaigns and event invitations.**

### Disclosure of your information

- We may disclose your personal data to any member of the First State Investments (UK) group, which means our affiliates, for internal business and administrative purposes (including to administer our products and services and for prudential and risk management purposes) and, **where you have given your consent**, to provide you with information on related products and services. We may also disclose personal data relating to our clients to members of our group to whom we sub-delegate our services (for example, trade order execution and portfolio management).
- We may disclose your personal data to third parties that are specifically engaged by us to provide services to us, in which case we will require those parties to keep that information confidential and secure and to use it solely for the purpose of providing the specified services to us. The following is a list of the types of third parties who process your personal data on our behalf:
  - third party service providers to our funds (for example, transfer agents, administrators, distributors, custodians, paying agents and researchers)
  - credit reference agencies, debt collection agencies and other companies for use in credit decisions, for fraud prevention, to pursue debtors and for the verification of identity
  - document execution vendors in relation to the execution of contracts with our clients;
  - insurance brokers;
  - professional advisers (for example, accountants/tax advisors and legal advisors).

- If you use a financial adviser (as indicated on your investor application form), then details of your investments and valuations may also be provided to such financial adviser.
- We may disclose to relevant tax authorities, regulators, government departments or competent authorities of the UK or of other countries, any personal data (including tax status, identity or residency or other personal and payment information, documents or self-certifications) in order to comply with a court order or to meet legal and regulatory requirements arising in the conduct of our business. Such disclosure may be made directly to such regulators or competent authorities or made indirectly to our advisers or providers who will make such filings or disclosures on our behalf.

### **Transfers outside the EEA**

We may transfer your personal data to our overseas affiliates (including outside the EEA) and/or allow the information to be accessed by our affiliates and their employees outside the EEA as well as within. It may also be processed by personnel operating outside the EEA who work for us or for one of our third party service providers.

Where we transfer your personal data outside the EEA, we will ensure that it is protected in a manner that is consistent with how your personal data will be protected by us in the EEA or that the transfer is otherwise compliant with data protection laws. This can be done in a number of ways, for example:

- the country that we send the data to might be approved by the European Commission;
- the recipient might have signed up to a contract based on “model contractual clauses” approved by the European Commission, obliging them to protect your personal data;
- where the recipient is located in the US, it might be a certified member of the EU-US Privacy Shield Scheme;
- where data protection laws permit us to transfer your personal data outside the EEA.

You can obtain more details of the protection given to your personal data when it is transferred outside the EEA (including a copy of any standard data protection clauses which we have entered into with recipients of your personal data) by e-mailing us at [enquiries@firststate.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@firststate.co.uk) or writing to us at *First State Investments (UK) Ltd, PO Box 404, Darlington, DL1 9UZ*.

### **How long will we store your data?**

Personal data held by us will be kept confidential. How long we hold your personal data for will vary and will be determined by various criteria, including:

- the purpose for which we are using it – we will need to keep the data for as long as is necessary for that purpose; and
- legal obligations – laws or regulation may set a minimum period for which we have to keep your personal data.

### **Your rights in relation to your data**

**If you wish to contact us for any of the reasons below, please e-mail us at [enquiries@firststate.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@firststate.co.uk) or write to us at *First State Investments (UK) Ltd, PO Box 404, Darlington, DL1 9UZ*:-**

- You have a **right to access** the information which we hold about you. If you wish to make an application to access or obtain this information, please contact us. In some circumstances, you have the right to receive some personal data in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and/or request that we transmit that data to a third party where this

is technically feasible. Please note that this right only applies to personal data which you have provided to us.

- We take reasonable steps to ensure that the personal data we collect, use or disclose is **accurate, complete and up to date**. Please contact us if any of the details you have provided change. Please also contact us if you believe that the information we have about you is not accurate, complete or up to date.
- If you wish us to **erase or restrict** using your data, please contact us. We may need to discuss with you the basis of your request as there may be circumstances where we are legally entitled to continue processing your personal data/refuse your request.
- If you have previously provided your consent to our use of your data (other than for marketing purposes) and you wish to **withdraw such consent**, please contact us. We may need to discuss with you whether our use of your data needs to continue for lawful purposes (i.e. because we have another legitimate reason (other than your consent) for doing so).
- **If you have previously consented to being sent information about other products and services available from the First State Investments (UK) group of companies, you may withdraw such consent by contacting us.**
- If you have any **complaints** in relation to the way we have used your information, please contact us in the first instance. You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the **Information Commissioner's Office** at *Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (Tel: 0303 123 1113)*, if you think that any of your rights have been infringed by us.

### **Other Products and Services**

If you would like to receive further information from us about other products or services offered by First State Investments (UK) Group, please ensure you tick the relevant box on the appropriate application form or contact us by e-mailing us at [enquiries@firststate.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@firststate.co.uk) or writing to us at *First State Investments (UK) Ltd, PO Box 404, Darlington, DL1 9UZ*.

### **Changes to our Privacy Notice**

This Notice was updated on 5 October 2018. We reserve the right to change this Notice at any time.