

COMMON APPLICATION FORM

Please read Product Labeling available on the Front Inside Cover Page and instructions before filling this form (all points marked * are mandatory)

Sponsor: Edelweiss Financial Services Limited | **Trustee Company:** Edelweiss Trusteeship Company Limited.

Investment Manager: Edelweiss Asset Management Limited. Edelweiss House, Off. C.S.T Road, Kalina, Mumbai - 400 098

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DISTRIBUTOR INFORMATION

Name & Distributor Code	Sub-Broker Code	Sub-Broker Code	Employee Unique	E-Code	RIA CODE	APPLICATION NO.
	ARN	INTERNAL CODE	IDENTIFICATION NO. (EUIN)		ONLY FOR DIRECT INVESTMENT	

*Investors should mention the EUIN of the person who has advised the investor. If left blank, the fund will assume following declaration by the investor "I/We hereby confirm that the EUIN box has been intentionally left blank by me/us as this transaction is executed without any interaction or advice by the employee/relationship manager/sales person of the above distributor/sub broker or notwithstanding the advice of in-appropriateness, if any, provided by the employee/relationship manager/sales person of the distributor/sub broker".

Upfront commission shall be paid directly by the investor to the AMFI registered Distributors based on the investors' assessment of various factors including the service rendered by the distributor. For Direct investments, please mention 'Direct' in the column 'Name & Distributor Code'

SIGNATURE (s)

SOLE / FIRST APPLICANT	SECOND APPLICANT	THIRD APPLICANT

All sections to be filled in English and in BLOCK LETTERS. Use this form if you are making a one time investment. For SIP investment use the separate SIP Form. All columns marked * are mandatory.

MAKE YOUR SELECTION BEFORE FILLING FORM (PLEASE ✓)

INVEST NOW

ZERO BALANCE FOLIO

(Refer Instruction No.XII)

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TRANSACTION CHARGES (PLEASE ✓) (Default option Existing Investor)

(Refer Instruction No.XIII)

I am a First Time Investor in Mutual Funds

I am an Existing Investor in Mutual Funds

In case the subscription amount is ₹10,000/- or more and your Distributor has opted to receive Transaction Charges, ₹150 (for first time mutual fund investor) or ₹100/- (for investor other than first time mutual fund investor) will be deducted from the subscription amount and paid to the distributor. Units will be issued against the balance amount invested.

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EXISTING UNIT HOLDER INFORMATION / EXISTING ZERO BALANCE FOLIO NO. (If you have existing folio, please fill in section 2 and proceed to section 8.)

FOLIO NO.	NAME OF FIRST APPLICANT

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MANDATORY* PAN Please attach certified PAN copy

Know Your Customer (KYC)

1ST APPLICANT/GUARDIAN	P	A	N	N	U	M	B	E	R	YES	(Please submit proof)	YES	(Please submit KYC Application form)
CKYC Key Identification Number													
Aadhar No. (UID No.)													

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APPLICANT INFORMATION TO BE FILLED IN BLOCK LETTERS*

APPLICANTS FROM CANADA WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

(Refer Instruction No.II)

NAME OF SOLE /1ST APPLICANT	Mr.	Ms.	M/s.	DATE OF BIRTH (DOB)	DATE OF INCORPORATION (DOI)	GUARDIAN (s) NAME (In case if minor / Parent / Legal Guardian)	RELATIONSHIP WITH MINOR / DESIGNATION	CONTACT	MAILING ADDRESS OF SOLE / 1ST APPLICANT (P.O.BOX alone may not be sufficient) Overseas Investor must provide Indian Address	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY	PIN	EMAIL	MOBILE	RESI.	OFF.	FAX	

MANDATORY PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH FOR MINORS (ANY ONE) & Relationship Proof

BIRTH CERTIFICATE MARKSHEET (HSC/ICSE/CBSE) SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE PASSPORT OTHERS _____

OVERSEAS APPLICANT DETAILS

ADDRESS (Mandatory for NRI/FII applicant*)	COUNTRY	ZIP CODE	For NRI applicants	Indian	Overseas
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

E-MAIL COMMUNICATION [Please ✓]

I/We wish to receive the following document via email in lieu of physical document(s) Account Statement / Newsletter / Annual Report / Other Statutory Information : YES NO

Email ID & Mobile No. are essential to enable us to communicate with you better

Received from: Mr. / Ms. / M/s _____ an application for allotment
Scheme _____ Plan _____ Option _____
vide Cheque No _____ Dated ____/____/____ Amount (₹) _____ Drawn on
Bank and Branch _____

CAF

Application No:

Collection Center's Stamp &
Receipt Date and Time

Please note: All purchases are subject to realization of cheques and as per applicable load structure (please refer Scheme Information Document)

INSTRUCTIONS TO INVESTORS FOR FILLING UP THE COMMON APPLICATION FORM

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please read the Key Information Memorandum, Scheme Information Document (SID) and Statement of Additional Information (SAI) containing the terms of offer carefully before investing. In the SID your attention is particularly drawn to the risk factors of investing in the Scheme and also the sections "Who can't invest" and "Important note on Anti Money Laundering, KYC & investor protection".
2. Applications from residents of Canada will not be accepted.
3. All applicants are deemed to have accepted the terms subject to which the offer is being made and bind themselves to the terms upon signing the Application Form and tendering the payment.
4. Application Form should be filled legibly in ENGLISH in BLOCK letters using Black or Dark Blue ink. Incomplete application forms are liable to be rejected. Please refer to the checklist at the end of the application form to ensure that the requisite details and documents have been provided in order to avoid unnecessary delays and / or rejection of your application.
5. Please strike out any section that is not applicable. Correction/Cancellation on any of the mandatory information should be countersigned by the investor.

II. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Name should be given in full without any abbreviations. Preferably write exactly as it appears in your Bank Account or as it appears in the incorporation document as the case may be.
2. Name, Date of birth of the Minor, Name of Parent/Legal Guardian and relationship with minor is mandatory for investment on behalf of Minor applicant.
3. Name of the Contact Person, email and Telephone No. should be mentioned in case of investments by Company, Body Corporate, Trust, Society, FII and other non-individual applicants.
4. The signature should be in English or in any of the Indian languages. Thumb Impressions must be attested by a magistrate or a notary public or a special executive magistrate under his/her official seal. Application by minor should be signed by the guardian. In case of H.U.F., the Karta should sign on behalf of the H.U.F.
5. The designated Investor Service Center/ Collection Center will affix time stamp/manual stamp and return the acknowledgement slip from the application form, to acknowledge receipt of the Application. No separate receipt will be issued for the application money.
6. Please fill in all the fields to prevent rejection of your Application Form. Please refer to the checklist provided at the end of the Application Form to ensure that the necessary details and attachments are made available. The application complete in all respects along with the cheque/ fund transfer instructions must be submitted to the nearest designated Investor Service Center/Collection Center. Applications which are incomplete, invalid in any respect or not accompanied by cheque or fund transfer instructions for the amount payable are liable to be rejected
7. Investors must write the Application Form number / Folio number on the reverse of the cheques accompanying the Application Form.
8. Direct application - Investors are requested to mention the correct distributor Code in the Application Form. In case, the investor is directly applying, then they should clearly mention "DIRECT" in the column mentioned Name and Distributor Code, in all such cases where applications are not routed through any distributor/agent/broker. In cases where unit holder uses a pre-printed Broker Code, unit holder should cancel the ARN No/ Broker Code, write "DIRECT" in the said column and it should also be counter signed by the First unit holder.
9. In case of NRI investment, complete postal address should be stated. P.O. Box address alone is not sufficient. NRIs/ FIIs should necessarily state their overseas address failing which application may be rejected. In addition, Indian address should be stated for correspondence.
10. Investment through constituted Attorney should necessarily be signed by the constituted Power of Attorney holder.
11. Some additional details are required for validating your identity for certain transactions / Communications. Hence please fill the parent's name in case of first applicant and date of birth of all unit holders.
12. Please provide email ID & Mobile Number, this will help us send investment / product related communication and resolve any queries more promptly.
13. In the event the application has more than one investor and the mode of holding is not specified in the application form, the default option for holding would be considered to be "anyone or survivor". However, in all such cases, communications, proceeds of all dividend/redemption will be paid to the first named holder.

III. EMAIL COMMUNICATION

Account Statement will be sent to Unit holders by Post/Courier for NFO/1st time investment in any of the Scheme. Subsequent Account Statements/Newsletters / Annual Reports / Other statutory information (as permitted under SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996) will be sent to each Unit holder by e-mail. Investors are requested to provide their e-mail address for the same and this will also help us resolve your queries more promptly. Unitholders who have provided email id will be sent all communications/reports as mentioned above by email only and no physical communications will be sent. Any change in the e-mail address should be communicated to nearest designated Investor Services. EMF/Registrars are not responsible for e-mail not reaching the investor and for all consequences thereof. Should the Unit holder experience any difficulty in accessing the electronically delivered documents, the AMC will arrange for the same through physical mode on receipt of request for the same. It is deemed that the Unitholder is aware of all security risks including possible third party interception of the documents and contents of the documents becoming known to third parties.

IV. BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

It is mandatory to attach cancelled original cheque / self certified copy of blank cheque / self certified Bank Statement / first page of the Bank Pass book (bearing account number and first unit holder name on the face of the cheque/ Bank Pass Book/ Bank Statement) is required as an incremental additional document in case of: a. Registration of the investor's Bank Mandate at the time of investment b. Subsequent change in the investor's Bank Mandate.

SEBI Regulations have made it mandatory for investors to mention the Bank Name & address of branch and bank Account Number in their Investment application form in order to protect the interest of investors from fraudulent encashment of cheques. For registering multiple bank account please fill separate Form for Registering/ Adding Multiple Bank Accounts. Individuals / HUF can register upto 5 bank accounts and Non Individuals upto 10 bank accounts. For further information please refer SAI.

V. PAN DETAILS

It is mandatory for all investors to quote their Permanent Account Number (PAN) (except MICRO SIP Investments) and submit certified copy of the PAN card issued by the Income Tax Department, irrespective of the amount of investment, while making an application for Purchase of Units. In case of joint holding, PAN details of all holders should be submitted. In case the application is on behalf of minor, PAN details of the Guardian must be submitted. Investors residing in the state of Sikkim are exempt from the mandatory requirement of PAN proof submission; however sufficient documentary evidence shall have to be submitted for verifying that they are residents of the State of Sikkim. Applications without the aforesaid details are liable to be rejected without any reference to the investors. Investment through Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) upto Rs. 50,000/- (aggregate of installments in a rolling 12 months period or in a financial year i.e. April – March) per year per investor shall be exempt from the requirement of PAN.

VI. INVESTMENT DETAILS

Investors should indicate the Option for which the application is made. In case Investors wish to opt for both the Options, separate Application form will have to be filled. In case applications are received where option/sub-option for investment is not selected the default option/Sub option as prescribed in SID will be applicable.

Investors have the option to sweep their dividend in any other Open-ended Scheme of the Fund at the applicable NAV based prices, irrespective of minimum application amount and eligibility requirements of the scheme in which such dividend is being invested.

If the scheme name on the application form and on the payment instrument are different, the application will be processed and units allotted at applicable NAV of the scheme mentioned in the application / transaction slip duly signed by investor(s).

VII. MODE OF PAYMENT

1. As per AMFI best practice guidelines on 'Risk mitigation process against third party cheques in mutual fund subscriptions', Edelweiss Mutual Fund shall not accept applications for subscriptions with third party payment instruments with effect from November 15, 2010. For further information please refer SAI.
2. Investors may make payment by cheque payable locally in the city where the application form is submitted at AMC/Karvy ISC's or electronic mode such as RTGS/NEFT directly to Mutual Fund Collection account
3. The cheque should be drawn on any bank which is situated at and is a member/sub member of the bankers clearing house. Cheque drawn on the bank not participating in the clearing house will not be accepted.
4. Payment through Stock invest, outstation cheques and cash will not be accepted.
5. The cheque should be drawn in favor of "Edelweiss _____ (Scheme name)" and should be crossed "Account Payee Only".
6. Returned cheques will not be presented again for collection and the accompanying application will be rejected.
7. Single cheque for investments in multiple Schemes and multiple cheques for investments in Single Scheme will not be accepted.
8. If the dividend amount under Dividend payout option is less than or equal to `100/-, the same will be reinvested. (Except in case of Edelweiss Large Cap Advantage Fund, Edelweiss Dynamic Equity Advantage Fund, Edelweiss Prudent Advantage Fund and Edelweiss Mid and Small Cap Fund)
9. In case of investment through electronic mode (RTGS/ Transfer letter), you are requested to contact the nearest AMC/ Karvy ISC for the Bank Account Number to which the purchase/additional purchase amount is to be credited.
10. NRI / FII's
Repatriation basis: - Payments by NRIs/FIIs may be made by way of cheques drawn on non-resident external accounts payable at par and payable at the cities where the Investor Service Centers are located.
Non-Repatriation basis:- NRIs investing on a non repatriable basis may do so by issuing cheques drawn on Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) account payable at the cities where the Investor Service Centers are located.
11. In case of payment through electronic mode (RTGS/NEFT or Transfer Letter), need to provide the bank acknowledgement copy along with purchase application.

VIII. PAYMENT OF REDEMPTION / DIVIDEND

Investors are requested to provide the following details along with the mandatory requirement of bank account details (bank, branch address, account type and account no.) in the application form for electronic fund transfer (EFT) of dividend / redemption amount to the unit holders bank account. AMC will automatically extend this facility to all unit holders in case the bank account as communicated by the unit holder is with any of the bank providing EFT facility.

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a. The 11 digit IFSC (Indian Financial System) Code b. The 9-digit MICR (Magnetic Ink Character Recognition) number appearing next to the cheque number in the cheque leaf (Please attach copy of the cancelled cheque for verification) Based on the above information AMC will enable secure transfer of your redemption and dividend payouts via the various electronic mode of transfers (RTGS / NEFT / Direct Credit mode that are available in the banking system). This facility of EFT is safe and fast and eliminates the potential risk of loss of instruments in transit through physical mode. The Mutual Fund, however, reserves the right to issue a cheque / demand draft to unit holders residing at locations where this facility is not available. "If the remittance is delayed or not affected for reasons of incomplete or incorrect information, AMC cannot be held responsible". For validation of IFSC/MICR code, investor to attach the cancelled cheque/copy of cheque (PSU banks account holders to provide the front page of pass book along with cheque copy). If these documents are not provided the fund will not be responsible consequent delay in receipt of payment. Fund is also not responsible for bankers delay.

IX. NOMINATION DETAILS

Applicants applying for Units singly/jointly can make a nomination at the time of initial investment or during subsequent investments.

- The nomination can be made only by individuals applying for /holding units on their own singly or jointly. Non-individuals including society, trust (other than a religious or charitable trust), body corporate, partnership firm, Karta of Hindu Undivided Family, holder of Power of Attorney cannot nominate. W.e.f. April 1, 2011, nomination is not allowed in a folio held on behalf of a minor. All holders will have to sign request for nomination or cancellation of nomination, even if the mode of holding is not joint. Nomination cannot be signed by Power of Attorney (PoA) holders.
- A minor can be nominated and in that event, the name and address of the guardian of the minor nominee shall be provided by the Unit Holder. Nomination can also be made in favor of the Central Government, State Government, a local authority, any person designated by virtue of his office or a religious or charitable trust.
- A Non-Resident Indian can be a Nominee subject to the exchange control regulations in force, from time to time.
- Nomination in respect of the units stands rescinded upon the redemption/ transfer/ transmission of units.
- Transmission of units in favour of a Nominee shall be a valid discharge by the Asset Management Company (AMC) against the legal heir.
- The cancellation of nomination can be made only by those individuals who hold units on their own behalf singly or jointly and who made the original nomination. On cancellation of the nomination, the nomination shall stand rescinded and the AMC/ Fund/ Trustees shall not be under any obligation to transmit the units in favour of the Nominee.
- Nomination shall maintained at the folio / account level and shall be applicable for all schemes in the folio / account.
- A Nominee cannot be a resident of Canada

X. PREVENTION OF MONEY LAUNDERING AND KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER (KYC)

According to SEBI Guidelines under 'The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002', Mutual Funds are required to follow enhanced know your customer (KYC) norms. Further, SEBI has also notified SEBI (KYC Registration Agency) Regulations, 2011 on December 23, 2011 with a view to bring uniformity in KYC requirements for the securities market and to develop a mechanism for centralization of the KYC records. Accordingly the following procedures shall apply:

- SEBI has introduced a common KYC Application Form for all the SEBI registered intermediaries viz. Mutual Funds, Portfolio Managers, Depository Participants, Stock Brokers, Venture Capital Funds, Collective Investment Schemes, etc. New Investors are therefore requested to use the common KYC Application Form and carry out the KYC process including IPV with any SEBI registered intermediaries including mutual funds. The KYC Application Forms are also available on our website www.edelweissmf.com.
- The Fund shall perform the initial KYC of its new investors and may undertake enhanced KYC measures commensurate with the risk profile of its investors in line with the aforementioned circulars/circulars issued by SEBI in this regard from time to time. The Fund shall upload the details of the investors on the system of the KYC Registration Agency ("KRA"). The Registrar & Transfer Agent of the Fund viz. Karvy Computershare Private Limited ("Karvy") may also undertake the KYC of the investors on behalf of the Fund. On receipt of the KYC documents from the Fund, the KRA shall send a letter to the investor within SEBI stipulated timelines, confirming the details thereof.
- Once the investor has done KYC with a SEBI registered intermediary, the investor need not undergo the same process again with another intermediary but can submit the letter/acknowledgment issued by the KRA.
- It is mandatory for intermediaries including mutual funds to carry out IPV of its new investors. The IPV carried out by any SEBI registered intermediary can be relied upon by the Fund. Edelweiss Asset Management Limited and NISM/AMFI certified distributors who are Know Your Distributor (KYD) compliant are authorized to undertake the IPV for mutual fund investors. Further, in case of any applications received directly (i.e. without being routed through the distributors) from the investors, the Fund may rely upon the IPV (on the KYC Application Form) performed by the scheduled commercial banks.
- Existing KYC compliant investors of the Fund can continue to invest as per the current practice. However, existing investors are also urged to comply with the new KYC requirements including IPV as mandated by SEBI.
- Application Form not accompanied by KYC Application Form or letter/acknowledgment issued by KRA may be rejected by the Fund. The KYC compliance status will be validated with the records of the KRA. AMC reserves the right to call for any additional information from the investors/applicant/reject applications/subsequent application in order to fulfill the requirements of PMLA norms prescribed by SEBI/PMLA Regulation from time to time.

XI. PURCHASE/REDEMPTION OF UNITS THROUGH STOCK EXCHANGE INFRASTRUCTURE

Investors can purchase and redeem units of the following schemes on Mutual Fund Services System (MFSS) of the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE) and on the BSE Stock Exchange Platform for Allotment and Repurchase of Mutual Funds (BSE StAR MF System) of Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd. (BSE):

- Edelweiss Arbitrage Fund
- Edelweiss Dynamic Equity Advantage Fund
- Edelweiss Large Cap Advantage Fund
- Edelweiss ELSS Fund
- Edelweiss Prudent Advantage Fund
- Edelweiss Equity Opportunities Fund
- Edelweiss Equity Savings Advantage Fund
- Edelweiss Mid and Small Cap Fund
- Edelweiss Economic Resurgence Fund
- Edelweiss Tax Advantage Fund
- Edelweiss Balanced Advantage Fund
- Edelweiss Government Securities Fund
- Edelweiss Banking and PSU Debt Fund
- Edelweiss Liquid Fund
- Edelweiss Short Term Income Fund
- Edelweiss Bond Fund
- Edelweiss Corporate Debt Opportunities Fund
- Edelweiss Treasury Fund
- Edelweiss Asean Equity Offshore Fund
- Edelweiss Europe Dynamic Equity Offshore Fund
- Edelweiss Greater China Equity Offshore Fund
- Edelweiss US Value Equity Offshore Fund
- Edelweiss Emerging Markets Opportunities Equity Offshore Fund.

Please refer Scheme Information Document(s) of the Scheme(s) for further details.

XII. INVESTMENTS UNDER THE ZERO BALANCE FOLIO

For Investments under the zero balance folio, signatures on the transaction slip would be required as per the mode of holding.

XIII. TRANSACTION CHARGE IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS Routed THROUGH DISTRIBUTORS/ BROKERS:

In terms of SEBI circular no. CIR/IMD/DF/13/2011 dated August 22, 2011, as amended from time to time, Transaction Charge per subscription of `10,000/- and above shall be charged to the investors w.e.f. November 1, 2011 and paid to the distributors/ brokers (who have opted in for transaction charges) in respect of applications relating to new subscriptions only (lumpsum and SIP), subject to the following:

- For existing mutual fund investors: `100/- per subscription of `10,000/- and above;
- For the first time mutual fund investors: `150/- per subscription of `10,000/- and above;
- In case of SIPs, transaction charge shall be applicable only if the total commitment through SIP amounts to `10,000/- and above. In such cases the transaction charge would be recovered in 4 installments, starting from the 2nd to 5th instalment.
- There shall be no transaction charge on subscription of below `10,000/-.
- There shall be no transaction charge on transactions other than purchases/subscriptions relating to new inflows.
- There shall be no transaction charge on direct investments.
- There shall be no transaction charge on subscriptions carried out through the Stock Exchange Platform.

In accordance with SEBI circular no. CIR/IMD/DF/21/2012 dated September 13, 2012, distributors shall also have an option either to opt in or opt out of levying transaction charge based on type of the product.

The Transaction Charge as mentioned above shall be deducted by the AMC from the subscription amount of the unitholder and paid to the distributor and the balance shall be invested.

XIV. Investors already holding a folio in Edelweiss Mutual Fund can provide their existing Folio Number and Name of applicants(s) corresponding to the said folio. It is the responsibility of the Investor to ensure correctness of such details provided. The personal details and Bank Account details as registered in the existing folio number as provided would apply to the said investment and the registered details would prevail over any conflicting information furnished in this form. Edelweiss Asset Management Limited reserves the right to assign any of the existing Folio Number of the investor against multiple applications and / or subsequent purchases under this new application form lodged, with identical mode of holding and address and such other criterions and integrity checks as may be determined by the Edelweiss Asset Management Limited from time to time.

XV. Employee Unique Identification Number (EUID):

SEBI has made it compulsory for every employee/ relationship manager/ sales person of the distributor of Mutual Fund products to quote the EUID obtained by him/her from AMFI in the Application Form. EUID, particularly in advisory transactions, would assist in addressing any instance of mis-selling even if the employee/relationship manager/sales person later leaves the employment of the distributor. Individual ARN holders including senior citizens distributing Mutual Fund products are also required to obtain and quote EUID in the Application Form. Hence, if your investments are routed through a distributor please ensure that the EUID is correctly filled up in the Application Form.

However, if your distributor has not given you any advice pertaining to the investment, the EUID box may be left blank. In this case, you are required to provide a duly signed declaration to this effect. Distributors are advised to ensure that the sub broker affixes his/her ARN code in the column separately provided in addition to the current practice of affixing the internal code issued by the main ARN holder and the EUID of the Sales Person (if any) in the EUID space.

XVI. BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP DETAILS:

Under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2005 ("PMLA"), all intermediaries including mutual funds are required to obtain sufficient information from their clients in order to identify and verify the persons who beneficially own or control the account. SEBI circular dated January 24, 2013 on identification of Beneficial Ownership has prescribed a uniform approach to be followed for determination of beneficial owners. A 'beneficial owner' is defined as a natural person/s who ultimately own, control or influence a client and/or persons on whose behalf a transaction is being conducted, which includes persons who exercise ultimate effective control over a legal person or arrangement.

All categories of investors except individuals, company listed on a stock exchange or majority owned subsidiary of such company, are requested to provide details about beneficial ownership in the Application Forms for all their investments. The Fund reserves the right to reject applications/restrict further investments or seek additional information from investors who have not provided the requisite information on beneficial ownership. In the event of change in beneficial ownership, investors are requested to immediately update the details with the Fund/Registrar.

XVII. FATCA DETAILS:

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act is a United States (US) federal law, aimed at prevention of tax evasion by US Citizens and Residents ("US Persons") through use of offshore accounts. The FATCA provisions were included in the HIRE Act enacted by the US legislature. FATCA is designed to increase compliance by US taxpayers and is intended to bolster efforts to prevent tax evasion by the US taxpayers with offshore investments.

As per SEBI circular no. CIR/MIRSD/2/2014 dated June 30, 2014, the Government of India and the US have reached an agreement in substance on the terms of an Inter-Governmental Agreement ("IGA") to implement the FATCA provisions, which have become globally applicable from July 1, 2014. FATCA requires enhancement of due diligence processes by the Foreign Financial Institutions ("FFI") so as to enable identification of US reportable accounts.

The Fund/ Edelweiss Asset Management Limited ("the AMC") are likely to be classified as a FFI under the FATCA provisions, in which case the Fund /the AMC would be required, from time to time, to (i) undertake necessary due diligence process by collecting information/ documentary evidence of the US/non US status of the investors; (ii) disclose/report information as far as may be legally permitted about the holdings/investment returns pertaining to reportable accounts to the US Internal Revenue Service and/or such Indian authorities as may be specified under FATCA or other applicable laws and (iii) carry out such other activities as prescribed under the FATCA provisions, as amended from time to time.

FATCA due diligence will have to be directed at each investor/unit holder (including joint investors) and on being identified as a reportable person/specified US person, all the folios will be reported. Further, in case of folio with joint investors, the entire account value of investment portfolio will be attributable under each such reportable person. Investors/Unit holders would therefore be required to furnish such information to the Fund/AMC, from time to time, in order to comply with the reporting requirements stated in the IGA and or circulars/guidelines issued by SEBI/AMFI in this regard.

The impact of FATCA is relevant not only at the point of on-boarding of the investors but also throughout the life cycle of the investor account / folio with the Fund. Hence investor(s) should immediately intimate the Fund/AMC, in case of any change in the FATCA related information provided by them at the time of initial subscription.

The Fund/AMC reserves the right to reject any application or compulsorily redeem the units held directly or beneficially in case the applicant/investor fails to furnish the relevant information and/or documentation or is found to be holding units in contravention of the FATCA provisions.

Investors are advised to consult their tax advisors to understand the FATCA requirements and its implications in relation to their investment.