## 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.



## Franchise Partners US Equity Fund

## **PRODUCT**

Product: Franchise Partners US Equity Fund (the "Fund"), a sub-fund of Independent Franchise Partners Variable Capital Company plc (the

"Company") Class B

Manufacturer name: Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited

Product code: IE00B68TSJ53

Website: https://www.carnegroup.com

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Competent Authority: This PRIIP is authorised in Ireland. The Central Bank of Ireland is responsible for supervising Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland)

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as investment manager to the Fund.

Domicile country: Ireland

Document valid as at: 28 February 2025

## WHAT IS THIS PRODUCT?

#### Type:

The Fund is a type of collective investment scheme – specifically, a sub-fund of an Irish authorised UCITS investment company with segregated liability between sub-funds. Your investment will take the form of shares in the Fund.

#### Term

The Fund is open-ended and as such, this product is not subject to a fixed term or maturity date.

#### **Objectives:**

- The Fund aims to increase the value of your investment over the long term. Independent Franchise Partners, LLP ("the Investment Manager") makes active decisions regarding the management of the Fund, meaning it actively purchases and sells securities with the aim of meeting the investment objective. While the Fund measures its performance against the Russell 1000 Value Index ( the "Index"), the Fund is not constrained by reference to the Index. The Investment Manager invests directly in shares of "franchise" companies listed on the major global stock exchanges. The Fund views a franchise company as one which has a strong and sustainable competitive position in the industry it serves. Typically, this competitive position is supported by an intangible asset (such as a brand, patent or licence), which is difficult for competitors to create or replicate. The Fund has the following guidelines: 1 It will, under normal circumstances, invest at least 80% of the Fund's net assets in shares of franchise companies in the US. These are companies who either: derive most of their revenues from the US, are listed on a US Stock exchange or have their place of business or operations in the US. Up to 20% of the Fund's net assets may be invested in franchise companies outside of the US (including emerging markets); 2. It may invest up to 10% of its net assets in cash or other cash-like investments; and 3. It may not invest more than 10% of its net assets in shares which are not listed on a stock exchange or regulated market. The Fund may engage in currency transactions to avoid over exposure to any one currency. The Fund intends to hold 20 to 40 investments. The Fund is also subject to restrictions with regard to a) the percentage of shares in any one company that it may own; b) the percentage of its net assets invested in any one industry; and c) the extent of its investment in other collective investment schemes. The Fund also promotes certain environmental and social objectives, more details of which are set out in the Annex
- The Fund will typically pay a dividend on an annual basis, within the first four calendar months of the year. Investors may choose to have this dividend reinvested into the Fund or paid out. There is no guarantee that a dividend will be paid.
- As a collective investment scheme, the Fund's returns will depend entirely on the performance of the investments in its portfolio.
- The assets of the Fund are held by Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Ltd. ("the Depositary"). The Depositary has at least two dealing days per month and you can redeem on any dealing day.
- Shareholders may switch from shares of this Fund to shares of another sub-fund of the Company, provided that certain criteria would still be met. Please refer to the Prospectus for further details.
- The Fund may be terminated by the Directors of the Company in certain circumstances set out in the Prospectus.
- Copies of the Prospectus, the Fund Supplement and the latest annual report and half-yearly report are available in English, free of charge, from Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited email: ifp\_ta@ntrs.com
- The price of shares can be found at www.bloomberg.com (ticker: FPUSEBU).
- In addition to describing the Franchise Partners US Equity Fund Share Class B (IE00B68TSJ53), this Key Information Document may also be used as a representative document for the Share Class C (IE00B3L7LY17).

#### Intended Retail Investor:

The Fund is intended for investors (i) who do not intend to withdraw their money within 5 years; (ii) who are prepared to accept a degree of volatility; (iii) who have the ability to bear losses in order to seek to generate higher potential returns; and (iv) who have a good knowledge and experience of these products or purchase with investment advice or through a discretionary portfolio service.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS AND WHAT COULD I GET IN RETURN?



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly over time and if you redeem before 5 years have passed, the costs deducted may represent a higher proportion of your investment and your return.

#### Risk indicator

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 class 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 the capacity of the fund to pay you.

The Fund may invest in small and medium sized companies. This carries a higher risk than investing in large companies alone, as the share price of smaller and medium sized companies may change more frequently than those of larger companies. The shares in which the Fund invests may be denominated in a currency other that the currency of the shares of the Fund or the country in which you live. Currency changes may affect the value of your investment.

The Fund may also invest in companies in emerging markets with different trading and settlement practices which may carry additional risks. Such emerging market companies may also be subject to more frequent price changes. The Fund may also undertake currency transactions in order to avoid over-exposure to any one currency. Currency exchange rates may go up or down, which may cause the value of your investment to rise or fall. For other risks materially relevant to the product which are not taken into account in the summary risk indicator, please refer to the Fund's Supplement.

#### **Performance scenarios**

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 / a suitable benchmark over the last 10 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended minimum ho Investment 10 000 USD	lding period: 5 years		
Survival Scenarios Minimum: There is no minimum guaranteed return. You could lose some or all of your investment.		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 5 years (recommended holding period)
Stress scenario	What might you get back after costs	1 860 USD	3 000 USD
	Average return each year	-81.42 %	- 21.38 %
Unfavourable scenario	What might you get back after costs	8 320 USD	12 030 USD
	Average return each year	-16.77 %	3.77 %
Moderate scenario	What might you get back after costs	11 040 USD	17 380 USD
	Average return each year	10.37 %	11.69 %
Favourable scenario	What might you get back after costs	15 330 USD	20 550 USD
	Average return each year	53.3 %	15.49 %

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.

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

Unfavourable: This type of scenario occurred for an investment between 01/2024 and 12/2024.

Moderate: This type of scenario occurred for an investment between 01/2020 and 12/2024.

Favourable: This type of scenario occurred for an investment between 05/2016 and 04/2021.

# WHAT HAPPENS IF CARNE GLOBAL FUND MANAGERS (IRELAND) LIMITED IS UNABLE TO PAY OUT?

The assets and liabilities of the Fund are segregated from those of the other sub-funds and from those of the manufacturer or the Depositary. If the UCITS is not able to pay you out what is due, you may lose your entire investment. No investor guarantee nor compensation scheme is foreseen in that eventuality.

## 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 and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods: We have assumed:

- In the first year you would get back the amount that you invested (0% annual return). For the other holding periods we have assumed the product performs as shown in the moderate scenario.
- USD 10 000 is invested.

Investment 10 000 USD	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 5 years
Total costs	70 USD	614 USD
Annual Cost Impact*	0.7 %	0.78 %

<sup>\*</sup>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 12.47% before costs and 11.69% after costs.

#### **Composition of Costs**

One-off costs upon entry or exit		If you exit after 1 year
Entry costs	Whilst the Fund does not charge an entry fee, when you or any investor moves money into the Fund, incidental costs are incurred by the Fund. These include dealing costs, stamp duties, market costs and costs associated with preserving the value of the Fund. Your contribution to these costs will be deducted at the point of your investment into the Fund and is referred to as an anti-dilution levy ("ADL"). The actual amount of the ADL will depend upon the size of the investment or withdrawal.	N/A
Exit costs	Whilst the Fund does not charge an exit fee, when you or any investor moves money out of the Fund, incidental costs are incurred by the Fund. These include dealing costs, market costs and costs associated with preserving the value of the Fund. Your contribution to these costs will be deducted at the point of your withdrawal from the Fund. The actual amount of the ADL will depend upon the size of the investment or withdrawal.	N/A
Ongoing costs		
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	0.66% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	67 USD
Portfolio transaction costs	0.03% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	3 USD
Incidental costs taken under sp		
Performance Fee	There is no performance fee for this product.	N/A

## HOW LONG SHOULD I HOLD IT AND CAN I TAKE MY MONEY OUT EARLY?

#### Recommended minimum holding period: 5 years

Your shares can be sold and your money be accessed on any dealing day, there are at least two dealing days a month. Please see the Prospectus and Fund Supplement for further information. The Fund should be viewed as a medium to long-term investment and may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within a short time frame (less than 5 years). If you redeem before the recommended holding period, there may be an increased risk of lower investment returns or a loss.

## **HOW CAN I COMPLAIN?**

If you have any complaints about the product, the conduct of the manufacturer or the person advising on the product, complaints can be lodged via the following methods:

**E-mail:** complaints@carnegroup.com

Address: 3rd Floor, 55 Charlemont Place, Dublin, D02 F985 – Ireland

**Telephone:** +353 1 4896 800

## OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Alongside this document, we invite you to carefully consult the Prospectus and Fund Supplement. Copies of the Prospectus, Fund Supplement and latest annual report and half yearly reports are available in English, free of charge from Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited. Email: ifp\_ta@ntrs.com
The past performance of this product can be found here https://api.kneip.com/v1/documentdata/permalinks/KPP\_IE00B68TSJ53\_en\_IE.pdf showing performance from its launch. Please note that past performance is not indicative of future performance. It cannot provide a guarantee of returns that you will receive in the future.
The previous scenarios document for this product can be found here: https://api.kneip.com/v1/documentdata/permalinks/KMS\_IE00B68TSJ53\_en\_IE.xlsx.