

Unaudited excerpt of the unaudited Semi-Annual Report – 31 December 2016

ComStage 1

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Certain of the sub-funds / share classes of the Fund are not authorised for offer or distribution in or from Hong Kong. Accordingly, no reference is made to these sub-funds / share classes in this unaudited excerpt of the unaudited Semi Annual Report. The attention of the investors is drawn to the fact that certain figures in this unaudited excerpt from the Semi Annual Report are expressed on a consolidated basis and, thus, include the assets of those sub-funds / share classes which are not registered in Hong Kong.

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Statement of asset and liabilities as at 31 December 2016

| | Market value in EUR | Market value in EUR | % of NAV |
|---|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| I. Assets 1. Shares - Audiovisual industry | 494,344.83 | 55,337,023.10 55,330,630.60 | 100.02 100.01 0.89 |
| - Banks - Construction and construction industries - Mining | 1,855,633.49 772,942.23 581,983.84 | | 3.35 1.40 1.05 |
| - Chemical industry - Retail - Electrics / Electronics - Energy suppliers | 6,496,742.43 1,166,022.00 1,097,815.94 1,116,467.49 | | 11.74 2.11 1.98 2.02 |
| Engineering and vehicle manufacture Pharmaceutical industry / Biotech Real estate | 8,460,395.47 8,830,132.89 785,048.81 | | 15.29 15.96 1.42 |
| - Software - Other financial services - Other industrial stocks - Telecommunications | 4,728,451.00 760,744.94 5,557,811.20 3.052.366.36 | | 8.55 1.38 10.05 5.52 |
| - Textiles and clothing - Transport - Insurance | 1,641,439,80 2,054,306.83 5,877,981.05 | | 2.97 3.71 10.62 |
| 2. Cash at Bank | | 6,392.50 | 0.01 |
| II. Liabilities | | -12,250.10 | -0.02 |
| III. Net Asset Value (NAV) | | 55,324,773.00 | 100.00 1) |

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Statement of Net Assets as at 31 December 2016

| ISIN | Denomination | Market | Qty or units or currency in thousands | Quantity 31.12.2016 | Purchases/ additions in the p | | Pric | e/Rate | Market value in EUR | % of NAV |
|-------------------------|---|--------|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|------|---------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Quoted transferable | o socurities | | tnousands | | under 1 | eview | | | | |
| Shares | e securities | | | | | | | | | |
| Domestic | | | | | | | | | | |
| DE000A1EWWW0 | Adidas AG registered shares | | Qty | 10,932 | 3,878 | 772 | EUR | 150.150 | 1,641,439.80 | 2.97 |
| DE0008404005 | Allianz SE registered shares with restricted | | ζ-3 | , | ., | | | | 2,012,100 | |
| | transferability | | Qty | 26,824 | 9,464 | 550 | EUR | 157.000 | 4,211,368.00 | 7.61 |
| DE000BASF111 | BASF SE registered shares | | Qty | 54,203 | 19,105 | 1,066 | EUR | 88.310 | 4,786,666.93 | 8.65 |
| DE000BAY0017 | Bayer AG registered shares | | Qty | 48,801 | 17,200 | | EUR | 99.130 | 4,837,643.13 | 8.74 |
| DE0005190003 | Bayerische Motoren Werke AG ordinary shares | | | | | | | | | |
| | EO 1 | | Qty | 19,042 | 6,733 | 315 | EUR | 88.750 | 1,689,977.50 | 3.05 |
| DE0005200000 | Beiersdorf AG bearer shares | | Qty | 5,801 | 2,045 | 115 | EUR | 80.600 | 467,560.60 | 0.85 |
| DE000CBK1001 | Commerzbank AG bearer shares | | Qty | 62,377 | 21,992 | 1,229 | EUR | 7.246 | 451,983.74 | 0.82 |
| DE0005439004 | Continental AG bearer shares | | Qty | 6,374 | 2,247 | 125 | EUR | 183.700 | 1,170,903.80 | 2.12 |
| DE0007100000 | Daimler AG registered shares | | Qty | 58,816 | 20,731 | 1,158 | EUR | 70.720 | 4,159,467.52 | 7.52 |
| DE0005140008 | Deutsche Bank AG registered shares | | Qty | 81,371 | 28,890 | 1,344 | EUR | 17.250 | 1,403,649.75 | 2.54 |
| DE000A2AA253 | Deutsche Börse AG convertible registered shares | | Qty | 9,811 | 10,854 | 1,043 | EUR | 77.540 | 760,744.94 | 1.38 |
| DE0008232125 | Deutsche Lufthansa AG registered shares with | | | | | | | | | |
| | restricted transferability | | Qty | 27,667 | 9,771 | 458 | EUR | 12.270 | 339,474.09 | 0.61 |
| DE0005552004 | Deutsche Post AG registered shares | | Qty | 54,901 | 19,662 | 2,518 | | 31.235 | 1,714,832.74 | 3.10 |
| DE0005557508 | Deutsche Telekom AG registered shares | | Qty | 186,632 | 65,675 | 3,817 | | 16.355 | 3,052,366.36 | 5.52 |
| DE000ENAG999 | E.ON SE registered shares | | Qty | 115,217 | 48,531 | 10,187 | | 6.700 | 771,953.90 | 1.40 |
| DE0005785802 | Fresenius Medical Care KGaA bearer shares | | Qty | 12,501 | 4,425 | 239 | EUR | 80.450 | 1,005,705.45 | 1.82 |
| DE0005785604 | Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA bearer shares | | Qty | 23,741 | 8,380 | 446 | | 74.260 | 1,763,006.66 | 3.19 |
| DE0006047004 | HeidelbergCement AG bearer shares | | Qty | 8,721 | 3,422 | 162 | EUR | 88.630 | 772,942.23 | 1.40 |
| DE0006048432 | Henkel AG & Co. KGaA non-voting bearer | | | | | | | | | |
| | preference shares | | Qty | 10,296 | 3,630 | | EUR | 113.250 | 1,166,022.00 | 2.11 |
| DE0006231004 | Infineon Technologies AG registered shares | | Qty | 66,494 | 23,457 | 1,289 | | 16.510 | 1,097,815.94 | 1.98 |
| DE0006483001 | Linde AG bearer shares | | Qty | 10,955 | 4,297 | 171 | EUR | 156.100 | 1,710,075.50 | 3.09 |
| DE0006599905 | Merck KGaA bearer shares | | Qty | 7,627 | 2,688 | 150 | EUR | 99.150 | 756,217.05 | 1.37 |
| DE0008430026 | Münchener RückversGes. AG registered shares | | _ | | | | | | | |
| | with restricted transferability | | Qty | 9,277 | 3,312 | 377 | EUR | 179.650 | 1,666,613.05 | 3.01 |
| DE000PSM7770 | ProSiebenSat.1 Media SE registered shares | | Qty | 13,503 | 5,689 | | EUR | 36.610 | 494,344.83 | 0.89 |
| DE0007037129 | RWE AG bearer ordinary shares | | Qty | 29,159 | 10,625 | | EUR | 11.815 | 344,513.59 | 0.62 |
| DE0007164600 | SAP SE bearer shares | | Qty | 57,100 | 20,317 | 942 | EUR | 82.810 | 4,728,451.00 | 8.55 |
| DE0007236101 | Siemens AG registered shares | | Qty | 47,584 | 18,514 | 907 | EUR | 116.800 | 5,557,811.20 | 10.05 |
| DE0007500001 | ThyssenKrupp AG bearer shares | | Qty | 25,706 | 9,060 | 506 | EUR | 22.640 | 581,983.84 | 1.05 |
| DE0007664039 | Volkswagen AG non-voting preference shares | | Qty | 10,799 | 3,799 | 214 | EUR | 133.350 | 1,440,046.65 | 2.60 |
| DE000A1ML7J1 | Vonovia SE registered shares | | Qty | 25,402 | 8,991 | 499 | EUR | 30.905 | 785,048.81 | 1.42 |
| Total assets in the f | orm of transferable securities | | | | | | EUR | | 55,330,630.60 55,330,630.60 | 100.01 100.01 |
| 1 otal assets in the fo | orm of transferable securities | | | | | | EUK | | 55,550,050.00 | 100.01 |
| Coch at Rank non | vested money-market instruments and money- | | | | | | | | | |
| market funds | vested money-market histi unients and money- | | | | | | EUR | | 6,392.50 | 0.01 |
| EUR balances with: | • | | | | | | LUK | | 0,392.30 | 0.01 |
| Custodian bank | • | | EUR | 6,392.50 | | | % | 100.000 | 6,392.50 | 0.01 |
| Custouran bank | | | LOK | 0,372.30 | | | /0 | 100.000 | 0,372.30 | 0.01 |
| Other Liabilities | | | | | | | EUR | | -12,250.10 | -0.02 |
| Liabilities: Administr | ration fees | | EUR | -12,250.10 | | | Lek | | -12,250.10 | -0.02 |
| Liabilities. Administr | ration ices | | LOK | -12,230.10 | | | | | -12,230.10 | -0.02 |
| Net Asset Value | | | | | | | EUR | | 55,324,773.00 | 100.00 ¹⁾ |
| Tite Table Value | | | | | | | Low | | 22,021,772100 | 100100 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allocation to unit cl | asses | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| ComStage 1 DAX® | UCITS ETF (II) | | | | | | | | | |
| Proportional NAV | | | | | | | EUR | | 5,721,225.91 | |
| NAV per Unit | | | | | | | EUR | | 11.44 | |
| Units in circulation | | | | | | | No | | 500,000 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Footnotes: | | | | | | | | | | |

Footnotes:

¹⁾ Minor differences may arise as a result of rounding percentage shares in the calculation.

Prices of transferable securities or market rates
Assets belonging to the Fund are valued according to the following prices/market rates:
All assets: Prices as at 30.12.2016

$Transactions \ concluded \ during \ the \ period \ under \ review \ that \ are \ not \ reflected \ in \ the \ asset \ portfolio:$

Purchases and sales of transferable securities, investment-fund units and promissory notes (market classification at the year-end):

| ISIN | Denomination | No of shares or | Purchases/ | Sales/ | Volume |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| | | units or currency in | additions | disposals | in thousands |
| | | thousands | | | |
| Quoted transfer | able securities | | | | |
| Shares | | | | | |
| Inland | | | | | |
| DE0005810055 | Deutsche Börse AG registered shares | No | 477 | 7,829 | |
| DE000UNSE018 | Uniper SE registered shares | No | 7,994 | 7,994 | |
| | | | | | |

ComStage 1 DAX® UCITS ETF

Appendix in accordance with § 7 Nr. 9 KARBV (German regulation regarding valuation and financial accounting of investment funds)

Information according to the German Derivatives Regulation ("Derivateverordnung")

For this Fund, utilisation up to the market-risk potential limit was determined under the Derivatives Regulations according to the simple approach.

Other information

| ComStage 1 DAX® UCITS ETF (II) | | |
|---|-----|-------------------|
| International Security Identification Number (ISIN) | | DE000ETF8019 |
| NAV per Unit | EUR | 11.44 |
| Units in circulation | No | 500,000 |
| Investors | | Private investors |
| Subscription Fee | % | 5.00 |
| Redemption fee | % | 5.00 |
| All-in Fee p. a. | % | 0.15 |

Quantity of transferable securities in the NAV (as %)
Quantity of derivatives in the NAV (as %)
0.00

Information on the asset valuation procedure

During the financial year and at the year-end (31 December 2016) assets were generally valued at the last traded stock exchange or market price guaranteeing a reliable valuation.

Assets that are neither admitted to nor included in a stock exchange or other regulated market, or for which no tradeable price is available, are valued at their current market value, determined by means of a careful assessment using appropriate valuation models taking current market conditions into consideration.

The following assets were not valued at the last traded stock exchange or market price during the financial year or at the year-end (31 December 2016):

Cash at Bank and other assets at their nominal value
Liabilities at their repayment value

Information for index funds

The tracking error represents the standard deviation of the difference between the performance of a Sub-Fund and the performance of the underlying index (benchmark). A lower tracking error represents a closely similar performance. The greater the mean deviation shown by the Fund as it develops from the performance of the benchmark, the higher is the tracking error.

ComStage 1 DAX® UCITS ETF (II) Tracking error at the end of the period

ComStage 1 DAY® LICITS ETF (II)

Soft dollars and cash rebates

In connection with transactions for the account of a Sub-Fund, non-cash benefits (broker research, financial analyses, market and price information systems) may accrue to the Management Company; these benefits are used in the investors' interest when taking investment decisions.

Neither the Management Company, the Investment Manager, nor any of their connected persons may retain cash or other rebates save for soft commissions from brokers or dealers in consideration of directing transactions for the Sub-Fund to such brokers or dealers.

The Management Company may grant recurring - mostly annual - brokerage fees, known as "trail commissions", to financial intermediaries such as banks and other credit institutions.

Currently there are no soft commission agreements in place for the Fund or the Sub-Fund.

Transactions with connected persons

Cash forming part of the property of the Fund or the Sub-Fund may be placed as deposits with the Custodian, the Management Company, the Investment Manager or with any connected persons of these companies (being an institution licensed to accept deposits) so long as that institution pays interest thereon at a rate that is in accordance with normal banking practice no lower than the commercial rate for deposits of the size of the deposit in question negotiated at arm's length.

Money may be borrowed from the Custodian, the Management Company, the Investment Manager or any of their connected persons (being a bank) so long as that bank charges interest at a rate that is in accordance with normal banking practice no higher than, nor any fee for arranging or terminating the loan of a greater amount than, the commercial rate for a loan of the size and nature of the loan in question negotiated at arm's length.

Any transactions between the Fund or the Sub-Fund and the Management Company, the Investment Manager or any of their connected persons as principal may only be made with the prior written consent of the Custodian.

In transacting with brokers or dealers connected to the Management Company, the Investment Manager or any of their connected persons, the Management Company shall ensure that the following requirements are complied with:

- (a) such transactions are on arm's length terms;
- (b) the Management Company must use due care in the selection of brokers or dealers and ensure that they are suitably qualified in the circumstances;
- (c) transaction execution is consistent with applicable best execution standards;
- (d) the fee or commission paid to any such broker or dealer in respect of a transaction must not be greater than that which is payable at the prevailing market rate for a transaction of that size and nature;
- (e) the Management Company must monitor such transactions to ensure compliance with its obligations; and
- (f) the nature of such transactions and the total commissions and other quantifiable benefits received by such brokers or dealers are disclosed in the Semi-Annual Report (see below)

All transactions carried out by or on behalf of the Fund or the Sub-Fund have been executed via the connected party Commerzbank AG in its functions as counterparty or broker at arm's length and on the best available terms.

No commissions and other quantifiable benefits have been received by brokers or dealers connected to the Management Company, the Investment Manager or any of their connected persons.

0.25

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Statement of asset and liabilities as at 31 December 2016

| | | Market value in EUR | Market value in EUR | % of NAV |
|------|--|--|------------------------------------|--|
| I. | Assets 1. Shares - Audiovisual industry - Chemical industry - Energy suppliers - Engineering and vehicle manufacture - Pharmaceutical industry / Biotech - Real estate - Other financial services - Other industrial stocks - Telecommunications - Transport - Insurance | 535,421.25 4,573,025.39 836,106.40 4,536,763.68 2,745,801.87 850,289.27 823,940.04 2,733,003.20 2,762,555.76 2,225,009.63 4,513,687.20 | 27,132,815.46 27,135,603.69 | 100.04 100.05 1.97 16.86 3.08 16.73 10.12 3.14 3.04 10.08 10.19 8.20 16.64 |
| II. | 2. Cash at Bank Liabilities | | -2,788.23 -10,559.49 | -0.01 - 0.04 |
| III. | Net Asset Value (NAV) | | 27,122,255.97 | 100.00 1) |

ComStage 1 DivDAX® UCITS ETF

Statement of Net Assets as at 31 December 2016

| ISIN | Denomination | Market Qty or units or currency in thousands | Quantity 31.12.2016 | Purchases/ additions in the p under r | | Prio | ce/Rate | Market value in EUR | % of NAV |
|---|--|--|------------------------|--|-------|------------------|---------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Quoted transfera Shares | ble securities | tiiousanus | | under 1 | eview | | | | |
| Domestic DE0008404005 | Allianz SE.registered shares with | | | | | | | | |
| DE000BASF111 | restricted transferability BASF SE registered shares | Qty | 17,252 | 1,142 | 1,116 | | 157.000 | 2,708,564.00 | 9.99 |
| DE000BAY0017 | Bayer AG registered shares | Qty | 30,809 | 705 | 3,157 | | 88.310 | 2,720,742.79 | 10.03 |
| DE0005190003 | Bayerische Motoren Werke AG | Qty | 27,699 | 27,699 | | EUR | 99.130 | 2,745,801.87 | 10.12 |
| | ordinary shares EO 1 | Qty | 20,624 | 1,122 | | EUR | 88.750 | 1,830,380.00 | 6.75 |
| DE0007100000 | Daimler AG registered shares | Qty | 38,269 | 89 | 2,010 | EUR | 70.720 | 2,706,383.68 | 9.98 |
| DE000A2AA253 DE0008232125 | Deutsche Börse AG convertible registered shares Deutsche Lufthansa AG registered | Qty | 10,626 | 11,574 | 948 | EUR | 77.540 | 823,940.04 | 3.04 |
| DL0008232123 | shares with restricted transferability | Qty | 29,966 | 29,966 | | EUR | 12.270 | 367,682.82 | 1.36 |
| DE0005552004 | Deutsche Post AG registered shares | Qty | 59,463 | 1,136 | | EUR | 31.235 | 1,857,326.81 | 6.85 |
| DE0005557508 | Deutsche Telekom AG registered shares | Qty | 168,912 | 11,062 | | EUR | 16.355 | 2,762,555.76 | 10.19 |
| DE000ENAG999 | E.ON SE registered shares | Qty | 124,792 | 14,416 | 8,379 | EUR | 6.700 | 836,106.40 | 3.08 |
| DE0006483001 | Linde AG bearer shares | Qty | 11,866 | 1,317 | | EUR | 156.100 | 1,852,282.60 | 6.83 |
| DE0008430026 | Münchener RückversGes. AG registered shares with restricted transferability | Qty | 10,048 | 252 | | EUR | 179.650 | 1,805,123.20 | 6.66 |
| DE000PSM7770 | ProSiebenSat.1 Media SE registered shares | Qty | 14,625 | 14,625 | | EUR | 36.610 | 535,421.25 | 1.97 |
| DE0007236101 | Siemens AG registered shares | Qty | 23,399 | 438 | 1,369 | EUR | 116.800 | 2,733,003.20 | 10.08 |
| DE000A1ML7J1 | Vonovia SE registered shares | Qty | 27,513 | 1,390 | , | EUR | 30.905 | 850,289.27 27,135,603.69 | 3.14 100.05 |
| Total assets in the | e form of transferable securities | | | | | EUR | | 27,135,603.69 | 100.05 |
| Cash at Bank, no and money-mark EUR balances wi | | | | | | EUR | | -2,788.23 | -0.01 |
| Custodian bank | | EUR | -2,788.23 | | | % | 100.000 | -2,788.23 | -0.01 |
| Other Liabilities Liabilities: Admin | istration fees | EUR | -10,559.49 | | | EUR | | -10,559.49 -10,559.49 | -0.04 -0.04 |
| Net Asset Value (| NAV) | | | | | EUR | | 27,122,255.97 | 100.00 1) |
| Allocation to unit | | | | | | | | | |
| ComStage 1 DivE Proportional NA' NAV per Unit Units in circulation | | | | | | EUR EUR No | | 5,711,849.77 16.32 350,000 | |

Footnotes:

1) Minor differences may arise as a result of rounding percentage shares in the calculation.

Prices of transferable securities or market rates
Assets belonging to the Fund are valued according to the following prices/market rates:
All assets: Prices as at 30.12.2016

Transactions concluded during the period under review that are not reflected in the asset portfolio:

Purchases and sales of transferable securities, investment-fund units and promissory notes (market classification at the year-end):

| ISIN | Denomination | No of shares or | Purchases/ | Sales/ | Volume |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| | | units or currency in | additions | disposals | in thousands |
| | | thousands | | | |
| Quoted transferable | e securities | | | | |
| Shares | | | | | |
| Inland | | | | | |
| DE000A1EWWW0 | Adidas AG registered shares | No | 27 | 12,116 | |
| DE0005810055 | Deutsche Börse AG registered shares | No | | 11,358 | |
| DE000KSAG888 | K+S Aktiengesellschaft registered shares | No | 26 | 11,668 | |
| DE000UNSE018 | Uniper SE registered shares | No | 11,901 | 11,901 | |
| DE0007664039 | Volkswagen AG non-voting preference shares. | No | 25 | 11,156 | |
| | | | | | |

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Information according to the German Derivatives Regulation ("Derivateverordnung")

For this Fund, utilisation up to the market-risk potential limit was determined under the Derivatives Regulations according to the simple approach.

Other information

ComStage 1 DivDAX® UCITS ETF (II)

| International Security Identification Number (ISIN) | | DE000ETF8027 |
|---|-----|-------------------|
| NAV per Unit | EUR | 16.32 |
| Units in circulation | No | 350,000 |
| Investors | | Private investors |
| Subscription Fee | % | 5.00 |
| Redemption fee | % | 5.00 |
| All-in Fee p. a. | % | 0.25 |

Quantity of transferable securities in Fund assets (as %)
Quantity of derivatives in Fund assets (as %)
0.00

Information on the asset valuation procedure

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Cash at Bank and other assets at their nominal value
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Information for index funds

The tracking error represents the standard deviation of the difference between the performance of a special Sub-Fund and the performance of the underlying index (benchmark). A lower tracking error represents a closely similar performance. The greater the mean deviation shown by the Fund as it develops from the performance of the benchmark, the higher is the tracking error.

ComStage 1 DivDAX® UCITS ETF (II)

Tracking error at the end of the period

0.95

Soft dollars and cash rebates

In connection with transactions for the account of a Sub-Fund, non-cash benefits (broker research, financial analyses, market and price information systems) may accrue to the Management Company; these benefits are used in the investors' interest when taking investment decisions.

Neither the Management Company, the Investment Manager, nor any of their connected persons may retain cash or other rebates save for soft commissions from brokers or dealers in consideration of directing transactions for the Sub-Fund to such brokers or dealers.

The Management Company may grant recurring - mostly annual - brokerage fees, known as "trail commissions", to financial intermediaries such as banks and other credit institutions.

Currently there are no soft commission agreements in place for the Fund or the Sub-Fund.

Transactions with connected persons

Cash forming part of the property of the Fund or the Sub-Fund may be placed as deposits with the Custodian, the Management Company, the Investment Manager or with any connected persons of these companies (being an institution licensed to accept deposits) so long as that institution pays interest thereon at a rate that is in accordance with normal banking practice no lower than the commercial rate for deposits of the size of the deposit in question negotiated at arm's length.

Money may be borrowed from the Custodian, the Management Company, the Investment Manager or any of their connected persons (being a bank) so long as that bank charges interest at a rate that is in accordance with normal banking practice no higher than, nor any fee for arranging or terminating the loan of a greater amount than, the commercial rate for a loan of the size and nature of the loan in question negotiated at arm's length.

Any transactions between the Fund or the Sub-Fund and the Management Company, the Investment Manager or any of their Connected Persons as principal may only be made with the prior written consent of the Custodian.

In transacting with brokers or dealers connected to the Management Company, the Investment Manager or any of their connected persons, the Management Company shall ensure that the following requirements are complied with:

- (a) such transactions are on arm's length terms;
- (b) the Management Company must use due care in the selection of brokers or dealers and ensure that they are suitably qualified in the circumstances;
- (c) transaction execution is consistent with applicable best execution standards;
- (d) the fee or commission paid to any such broker or dealer in respect of a transaction must not be greater than that which is payable at the prevailing market rate for a transaction of that size and nature;
- (e) the Management Company must monitor such transactions to ensure compliance with its obligations; and
- (f) the nature of such transactions and the total commissions and other quantifiable benefits received by such brokers or dealers are disclosed in the Semi-Annual Report (see below)

All transactions carried out by or on behalf of the Fund or the Sub-Fund have been executed via the connected party Commerzbank AG in its functions as counterparty or broker at arm's length and on the best available terms.

No commissions and other quantifiable benefits have been received by brokers or dealers connected to the Management Company, the Investment Manager or any of their connected persons.