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# Supplement dated 27 August 2024 to the Prospectus dated 27 August 2024, for Northern Trust Investment Funds plc

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This Supplement contains specific information in relation to The NT Euro Government Bond Index Fund (the "Fund"), a Fund of Northern Trust Investment Funds plc (the "Company") an open-ended investment company with variable capital established as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds governed by the laws of Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank").

This Supplement forms part of and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus.

The Directors of Northern Trust Investment Funds plc, whose names appear in the **Management and Administration** section of the Prospectus, accept responsibility for the information contained in the Prospectus and this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) such information is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

Words and expressions defined in the Prospectus shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

An investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.

A typical investor is prepared to accept a degree of low volatility. A typical investor will be seeking to achieve exposure to high quality European inflation linked government bonds and will be seeking to achieve a return on investment in the medium to long term.

Investment in the Fund may be appropriate for professional or retail investors who have knowledge of, and investment experience in, this particular financial product and understand and can evaluate the strategy, characteristics and risks in order to make an informed investment decision. This Fund is passively managed.

The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments ("FDI") for hedging and efficient portfolio management ("EPM") purposes (as detailed below). See below section titled "Borrowing and Leverage" for details of the leverage effect of investing in FDI.

# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES**

# **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Fund is to closely match the risk and return characteristics of the FTSE EMU Government Bond 1-10 Years Index (EGBI 1-10) (the "Index"). Any change in the Index shall only be made with the prior approval of the Shareholders.

### **Investment Policies**

The Fund will invest in freely transferable Debt and Debt Related Securities issued by countries making up the Index. The securities are bonds issued by the governments of the EMU bloc of countries whose membership may change from time to time. In order to meet its investment objective, the Fund needs to be able to invest in any security in the Index. The Investment Manager will determine whether, after any downgrading of a security, the security should be reasonably held by the Fund. The average credit rating of the Fund will therefore approximate to the average credit rating of the Index. These securities are typically dealt in the secondary market which is made up of market makers and market participants. The secondary Market will be consistent with the list of Markets in Appendix I of the Prospectus. Market makers provide liquidity to the market participants as they are obliged to quote two way prices at which they are committed to deal in appropriate size.

The Fund may also invest (up to 10% of its Net Asset Value) indirectly in Debt and Debt Related Securities comprised within the Index through holdings in open-ended collective investment schemes ("CIS") (including UCITS exchange traded funds ("ETFs")). Any such CIS will have investment objectives which are materially similar to the Fund.

# **Index Tracking Strategy**

The Fund operates an index tracking strategy whereby it seeks to track the risk and return characteristics of the Index by investing directly in assets that are Index constituents (i.e. a physical replication model). However, the Fund does not seek to fully replicate the Index but instead seeks to match the Fund's investments with Index constituents on a sample based physical replication model (i.e. an optimisation approach) within the scope of the general UCITS investment restrictions and the specific investment restrictions set out below. Accordingly, investment in the Fund should not be considered to provide a direct exposure to the Index. In normal market conditions the Fund can be expected to closely match the performance of the Index. However, in normal market conditions an ex-post Tracking Error of 0.00% - 0.10% should be anticipated. The causes of Tracking Error can include but are not limited to the following: the holdings and size of the Fund, cash flows, such as any delays in investing subscription proceeds into the Fund or realising investments to meet redemptions, fees and the frequency of rebalancing against the Index.

As the Fund does not pursue a synthetic index replication strategy, there is no corresponding counterparty risk related to the index replication strategy.

# **Index Description**

The Index measures the performance of fixed-rate, local currency, investment-grade sovereign bonds (with a maturity profile of over 1 year and 10 years or less) of those governments comprising the EMU region that meet specific criteria for market size, barriers-to-entry and the minimum credit criteria for entry of A- by S&P and A3 by Moody's and for exit below BBB- by S&P and below Baa3 by Moody's.

The FTSE Russell fixed-income indices measure the total

rate-of-return performance (i.e. including both changes in bond prices as well as income generated) for bond markets with a remaining maturity of at least one year. In addition, each market has a minimum issue size which is currently set at EUR 2.5 billion. It also requires each market has a minimum market size for entry of at least USD 50 billion, EUR 40 billion, JPY 5 trillion and for exit of below USD 25 billion, EUR 20 billion, JPY 2.5 trillion and is limited to bonds and markets that are fully accessible to foreign investors

The valuation function within FTSE Russell is functionally independent of the design of the Index. The Index is reviewed monthly for any necessary rebalancing. The rebalancing frequency will not have a significant impact on the strategy of the Fund or on transaction costs associated with the Fund.

Further details of the Index constituents, weightings and methodology can be navigated to from the following links:

https://www.ftserussell.com/products/indices/emea-fixedincome-indexes and

https://research.ftserussell.com/Analytics/Factsheets/Home /DownloadSingleIssue?issueName=EGBI&IsManual=true& ga=2.46609059.567258211.1594732967-1120915683.1594732967

### INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The general investment restrictions set out under the heading Investment Restrictions in the Prospectus shall apply.

It is noted in particular that the Fund may not invest more than 10% of net assets in CIS on aggregate.

#### USE OF EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES. **FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE** INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES FINANCING **TRANSACTIONS**

The Fund may use currency forwards and exchange-traded futures for hedging and EPM purposes. Further details of the techniques and instruments that the Fund may employ for efficient portfolio management purposes are set out in the Efficient Portfolio Management, Financial Derivative Instruments and Securities Financing Transactions section of the Prospectus.

The Fund may also enter into certain currency related transactions in order to hedge exchange rate fluctuation risks between the denominated currencies of the Fund's assets and the designated currency of the relevant Share Class.

As a result of currency hedging, hedged Share Classes may be exposed to counterparty risk as further detailed in the section of the Prospectus entitled Credit Risk and Counterparty Risk.

The Fund may use securities lending transactions (i.e. Securities Financing Transactions) in accordance with the requirements of SFTR and the Central Bank Rules. Any type of assets that may be held by the Fund in accordance with its investment objective and policies may be subject to such Securities Financing Transactions. There is no restriction on the proportion of assets that may be subject to Securities Financing Transactions and therefore the maximum and expected proportion of the Fund's asserts that can be subject to Securities Financing Transactions can be as much as 100%, i.e. all of the assets of the Fund. Use of repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements and Total Return Swaps by the Fund is not envisaged. In any case the

most recent semi-annual and annual report of the Company will express as an absolute amount and as a percentage of the Fund's assets the amount of Fund assets subject to Securities Financing Transactions.

Collateral or margin may be passed by the Fund to a counterparty or broker in respect of EPM techniques or Securities Financing Transactions. Please refer to the section of the Prospectus entitled **Collateral Policy** for further details.

The use of FDI and Securities Financing Transactions for the purposes outlined above may expose the Fund to the risks disclosed under the section of the Prospectus titled **Risk Factors**.

# **BORROWINGS AND LEVERAGE**

The Fund may borrow up to 10% of its Net Asset Value on a temporary basis.

Global exposure and leverage as a result of its investment in FDI as described above shall not exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Global exposure will be measured using the commitment approach.

# **RISK FACTORS**

The general risk factors as set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Risk Factors" apply to the Fund, as well as the following additional factors, which apply specifically to the Fund.

In addition, the following specific risk factors apply in light of the Fund's use of FDI for EPM:

Market Risk Liquidity Risk Counterparty Risk Correlation Risk Legal and Regulatory Risks

# INVESTMENT MANAGER AND SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER

The Manager has appointed Northern Trust Global Investments Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund. In line with its global operating model the Investment Manager has appointed Northern Trust Investments, Inc. as the sub-investment manager of the Fund.

# **DIVIDEND POLICY**

# **Accumulating Shares**

No dividends will be declared in respect of the Accumulating Shares.

# **Distributing Shares**

In respect of the Distributing Shares, the Directors intend to declare and pay all net income of the Fund attributable to each class annually as a dividend to the Shareholders of each relevant class of Shares on the register of members as at the close of business on the relevant Dealing Day.

Further details on the distribution policy are set out in Prospectus under the heading **Dividend Policy**.

# **KEY INFORMATION FOR BUYING AND SELLING**

# Share Classes

Shares may be issued as Accumulating Shares or (where specifically identified as such) Distributing Shares.

# **Base Currency**

Euro

# **Business Day**

Any day (except Saturday or Sunday) on which the banks in Ireland are open generally for business, or such other day as the Directors may determine and notify to Shareholders.

#### **Dealing Day**

The Dealing Day for the Fund will be every Business Day or such other day or days as the Directors may determine and notify in advance to Shareholders, provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day per fortnight. In determining whether a day should be treated as a Dealing Day, the Directors may take into account whether there are sufficient market exchanges open as determined by the Investment Manager to allow the normal liquidity trading of the portfolio. The Investment Manager maintains a list of any non-Dealing Days on the Website.

# **Dealing Deadline**

In respect of a Dealing Day, the Dealing Deadline is 12.00 p.m. on that Dealing Day.

### **Settlement Date**

In the case of applications, proceeds must be received no later than two (2) Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day or as otherwise determined by the Manager.

In the case of repurchases proceeds must be remitted to investors no later than two (2) Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day (assuming the receipt of the relevant duly signed repurchase documentation) or as otherwise determined by the Manager provided that in all cases proceeds are paid within ten (10) Business Days.

# **Preliminary Charge**

There will be no Preliminary Charge for this Fund.

# **Redemption Charge**

There is no Redemption Charge for this Fund.

# **Anti-Dilution Levy**

The Directors or the Manager (or their duly appointed delegate) may impose an anti-dilution adjustment as further detailed in the section of the Prospectus entitled **Anti-Dilution Levy**.

# **Valuation Point**

With respect to: (i) currencies and currency-related transactions only, 4pm (London time); and (ii) all other assets, the close of business of the relevant market that closes last on each Dealing Day, which in all cases shall be after the Dealing Deadline.

# **Initial Issue Price**

For Euro denominated share classes €100 per Share, for US Dollar denominated share classes \$100 per Share, for sterling denominated share classes, £100 per Share.

# **Initial Offer Period**

The Initial Offer Period in respect of Class B EUR Accumulating, Class C EUR Accumulating and Class P1 EUR Accumulating has closed.

The Initial Offer Period in respect of all other Share Classes shall continue until 5.00 p.m. (Irish time) on 26 February 2025 (or such shorter or longer period as the Manager may determine and notify to the Central Bank).

After the close of the relevant Initial Offer Period, the relevant classes will be continuously open for subscriptions on each Dealing Day.

# **Classes of Shares Available**

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, P1

Each of the above referenced Share Classes are available as Accumulating Shares and Distributing Shares.

#### **Currencies Available**

Each of the Share Classes, with the exception of Class P1 Shares, are available in Euro, Sterling and U.S. Dollar.

Class P1 Shares are only available in Euro.

# **Currency Hedged Share Classes**

Each Share Class is available as either a hedged or an unhedged Share Class.

# Minimum Shareholding

In respect of Class P1 Shares, €10,000 subject to the discretion of the Directors to allow lesser amounts.

For all other Shares Classes €100,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant Share Class currency) subject to the discretion of the Directors to allow lesser amounts.

# **Minimum Initial Investment Amount**

In respect of Class P1 Shares, €10,000 subject to the discretion of the Directors to allow lesser amounts.

For all other Shares Classes €100,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant Share Class currency) subject to the discretion of the Directors to allow lesser amounts.

# **FEES AND EXPENSES**

Fees of the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Depositary, any sub-custodian and the Administrator

The Investment Manager will be entitled to receive an annual fee of up to 0.08% in respect of the Class A, B, C, E, F, G, H and P1 Shares and of up to 0.20% in respect of all Class D Shares (plus VAT thereon, if any).

Such fee shall accrue and be calculated on each Dealing Day and be payable monthly in arrears. The Investment Manager shall be entitled to be reimbursed out of the assets of the Fund for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of its duties.

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The Administrator shall be entitled to receive out of the net assets of the Fund an annual fee, accrued and calculated on each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears at an annual rate which will not exceed 0.08% of the net assets of the Fund (plus VAT, if any). The Administrator is entitled to be repaid out of the assets of the Fund all of its reasonable agreed upon transaction and other charges (which will be at normal commercial rates) and other out-of- pocket expenses (plus VAT thereon, if any).

The Depositary shall be entitled to receive out of the net assets of the Fund an annual fee, accrued and calculated on each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears, at an annual rate of up to 0.08% of the net assets of the Fund (plus VAT thereon, if any).

The Depositary is also entitled to be repaid out of the assets of the Fund, sub-custodian's fees (which will be charged at normal commercial rates) as well as agreed upon transaction charges (which will be at normal commercial rates) and other out-of-pocket expenses out of the assets of the Fund (plus VAT thereon, if any).

This section should be read in conjunction with the section entitled **Fees and Expenses of the Funds** in the Prospectus.

### **Establishment Costs**

The organisational and establishment costs relating to the creation of the Fund have been fully amortised by the Fund.

Any other fees and expenses payable out of the assets of the Fund are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Fees and Expenses".

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

# Reporting

Some Shareholders may receive additional information and/or reports in relation to the Fund on a frequent basis. Any such information will be available to all investors in the Fund on request. Any such information will only be provided on a historical basis and after the relevant Dealing Day to which the information relates. Please contact your relationship manager to discuss any reporting needs.

### Other Funds

The other Funds of the Company are listed in the Global Supplement to the Prospectus.

New Funds may be created from time to time by the Directors with the prior approval of the Central Bank in which case further Supplements incorporating provisions relating to those Funds will be issued by the Company.