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PRESTIGE FUNDS

LISTS SECOND LUXEMBOURG DIRECT LENDING FUND ON EURONEXT DUBLIN

Pioneering private debt manager lists eleven share classes on Euronext Dublin in response to increased demand for agri-lending strategy from European investors.

DUBLIN, September 2019: Prestige Funds, a leading manager focused on the private lending market in the UK, is pleased to announce the listing of the Prime Alternative Finance Fund. The share classes include hedged EUR, USD, CHF, SEK as well as GBP based share classes and have accumulation or distribution options all operating with no performance fee and typically without leverage.

Prime Alternative Finance (“PRALTF”) invests in a diverse portfolio of secured loans to UK-based agricultural businesses and is also exploring opportunities in the Netherlands, Republic of Ireland and the USA. Domiciled in Luxembourg and launched in 2018, the fund now has approximately USD 50 million in assets under management taking the overall strategy to approximately USD 750m.

PRALTF’s management and wider loan portfolio origination is overseen by two dedicated teams consisting of over 50 staff based in the UK, Luxembourg and Malta, including commercial finance professionals who have lengthy track records financing business in the agriculture sector supported by additional technical experts.

The Fund is actively involved in financing the growth of clean energy plants in the UK’s rural economy, including the expansion of on-farm biogas plants. PRALTF is playing a key role in helping thousands of UK households to increase their supply of renewable energy.

Craig Reeves, Founder of Prestige, commented: “We are pleased to be listing Prime Alternative Finance on Euronext Dublin - this follows the successful listing of our dedicated SME lending Fund ‘Commercial Finance Opportunities’ on Euronext last year. Since we launched PRALTF as a Luxembourg Fund, we have seen considerable interest in the Prestige approach to agricultural lending and in particular clean energy finance from investors in Europe and further afield.”

Prestige Funds has been managing direct lending strategies in the UK for over 10 years and has raised over USD 1.7 billion since launch. Its investors include private banks, pension funds, family offices and sovereign wealth funds around the world.

“Agricultural lending represents an important, uncorrelated sector play within private debt portfolios, especially as interest rates remain so low,” Reeves added. “Despite the noise around Brexit, we are seeing increased interest in our approach to direct lending in the UK rural economy with numerous visits from major investors over the last nine months. We have a strong pipeline of funding opportunities both in the UK and overseas and our team continues to grow to match this capacity.

The listing on Euronext Dublin will help to support the continued expansion of the Prestige European product range for experienced investors.”

PRALTF is a Luxembourg-domiciled SIF also referred to as an alternative investment fund (AIF), authorised by the CSSF in Luxembourg, and managed by a full scope Alternative Investment Fund Manager (AIFM). Unlike some private debt funds, PRALTF is an open-ended fund.

The Macro Environment

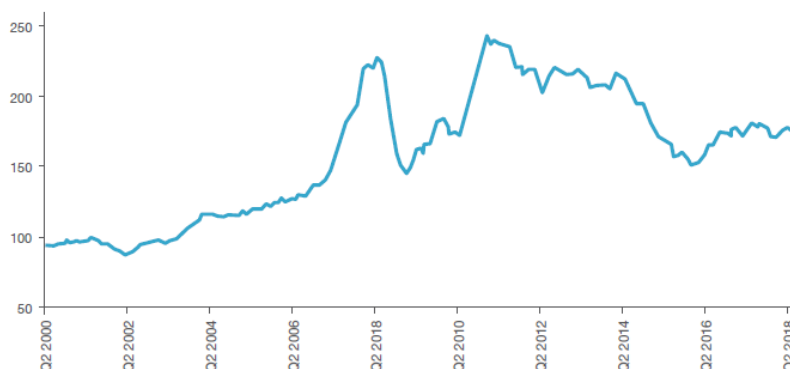
With rising costs across almost all industrial and commercial sectors farming, food and agriculture often remains deeply inefficient while at the same time the UK wastes more food than any other country in Europe and has a rising population. There is an increasing demand to finance in productivity.

Over the last century, the global population has quadrupled. In 1915, there were 1.8 billion people in the world. Today, according to the most recent estimate by the UN, there are 7.3 billion people - and we may reach 9.7 billion by 2050. This growth, along with rising incomes in developing countries (which cause dietary changes such as eating more protein and meat) are driving up global food demand.

The UK imports approximately 50% of its food requirement while global food demand is expected to increase anywhere between 59-98% by 2050 according to the United Nations. Additionally, the UK wastes more food than any other country in Europe according to research published by the Daily Telegraph newspaper, while research from Bloomberg suggests that food staple prices have doubled since 2000.

This will shape agricultural markets in ways we have not seen before. Farmers worldwide will need to increase crop production, either by increasing the amount of agricultural land to grow crops or by enhancing productivity on existing agricultural lands through fertilisers and irrigation and adopting new methods like precision farming. With approximately 64 million people in the UK (of which approximately 8m were born overseas), and 5.7 million SMEs operating with the lowest unemployment in almost 45 years this represents a significant opportunity for investors.

Foodstuff Staples (Index): Q2/2000 - Q2/2018



SOURCE: Bloomberg

Environmental concerns

Rising electricity prices in the UK and higher taxes on landfill are causing these businesses to turn to green energy projects as a source of on-farm energy, utilising existing waste. The UK will potentially have to source up to 20% of its gas supplies from renewable sources within ten years and entirely stop burning coal to generate electricity within 15 years. Additionally, the use of landfill is also expected to stop within 15 years. However, farming and food production is also the second largest producer of CO₂ after energy production.

The Macro Environment - Our investors

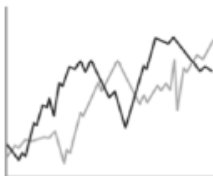
Negative Interest Rates / Low Bond Yields have created many “richly priced” equity markets. CONSIDER: Private Debt

Although these remain interesting times for both financial markets and financial advisors, Prestige operates several interesting non-market based, alternative investment opportunities that continue to produce positive results with a low correlation to traditional fixed income and equity based markets.

The nature of our direct lending businesses is specialist; Prestige Funds are niche, experienced investor strategies that can sit at the periphery of any portfolio. However, since there remains a significant number of sovereign and corporate bond yields and interest rates operating with near zero throughout Europe and elsewhere while at the same time many equity markets look “richly priced”, there is perhaps now more than at any time in recent history a requirement to provide investors with a genuine alternative inflation hedge in an increasingly uncertain and volatile world.

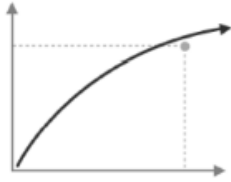
Alternative Lending & Private Debt has become a genuine asset class

As interest rates have risen in the USA and elsewhere there is increasing pressure on bond prices as well as rising volatility in many equity markets. Investor interest in the direct lending / private debt space continues to increase especially since access to credit from traditional lenders for many small businesses has yet to recover to pre-2008 financial crisis levels. We are seeing an increasing number of Independent Asset Managers, Family Offices and Pension Funds allocating to this area.



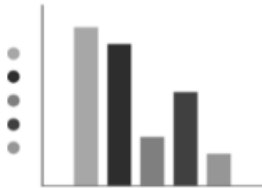
Diversification

Prestige Funds operate several regulated / listed credit funds which have diversified investment portfolios consisting of hundreds of loans with a high level of diversification by loan type, duration and risk.



Consistent Returns

Alternative lending and private debt have historically produced consistent returns. Typical returns in Europe and United States range from 5% to upward of 10% depending on risk, currency and duration.



Low Volatility

Alternative lending and private debt create constant cashflow payments and are typically characterized by low volatility.



Uncorrelated

The performance of alternative lending and private debt have typically been uncorrelated to the traditional capital markets providing a unique diversifying asset class to modern investment portfolios.

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ALTERNATIVE FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITIES

Prime Alternative Finance

Summary of Terms

FUND:	European Finance Opportunities S.C.A
	Sub Fund: Prime Alternative Finance
DOMICILE:	Luxembourg
STRUCTURE:	SICAV-SIF
SCHEME REGULATORY TYPE:	Alternative Investment Fund Manager (AIFM)
INVESTMENT STRATEGY:	UK / Asset Based - Direct Lending
INVESTMENT MANAGER:	Prestige Capital Management Limited
INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION & MARKETING SUPPORT:	Prestige Asset Management Limited
FUND DISTRIBUTOR:	OpenFunds Investment Services AG
FUND ADMINISTRATOR:	Mitsubishi UFJ Investor Services & Banking (Luxembourg)
FUND CUSTODIAN & BANK:	Mitsubishi UFJ Investor Services & Banking (Luxembourg)
FUND AUDITOR:	KPMG Luxembourg
SHARE CLASSES:	Participating Shares (Accumulation & Distribution) Institutional Shares (Accumulation & Distribution)
CURRENCIES:	GBP / USD / EUR / CHF / SEK
MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION:	EUR 125,000 (or currency equivalent) - Advisory Accumulation & Distribution EUR 1 million (or currency equivalent) - Institutional Accumulation & Distribution
SUBSCRIPTIONS:	Monthly Advisory Accumulation & Distribution: Monthly, on 30 days' notice up to 2 million EUR (or currency equivalent) subject to conditions of the Private Placement Memorandum / Offering Supplement Institutional Accumulation & Distribution: Monthly, on 60/90 days' notice up to 2 million EUR (or currency equivalent) subject to conditions of the Private Placement Memorandum / Offering Supplement
FEES:	Management: 1.50% p.a. Performance: 0% Initial: 0%
REDEMPTIONS:	Advisory Accumulation & Distribution: 5% in year 1, declining by 1% p.a. Institutional Accumulation & Distribution: 1% in year 1

NOTE: Currency share class subscriptions should observe the equivalent USD base currency regulatory minimum in order to be accepted. Please see the Private Placement Memorandum/Offering Supplement for full terms and conditions.

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ABOUT PRESTIGE

Founded in 2007, Prestige consists of several companies under common ownership and control. The objective of this enterprise is to provide professional, innovative financial products and services to a diverse international client base and to deliver consistent, positive investment returns.

Prestige is also committed to continuously improving all areas of its business while empowering and developing its diverse team of professionals - many of whom come from senior positions within banking, finance and investment management.

The key strengths of Prestige are People, Processes and Systems

Prestige was established just months before the largest ever global financial crisis which continues to significantly shape many aspects of our world today in economic, political and social terms.

Since then, and against many odds, Prestige has successfully launched several businesses and innovative financial products and services that now includes a team of over 100 professionals in the UK and several international financial centres as well as raising over USD 1.9 billion. It is testament to the hard work of its various teams, the systems and processes used, and the products and services created that the Prestige business continues to grow and evolve.

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