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## **ALBEMARLE EURO BOND FUND**

**A sub-fund of Albemarle Funds plc an investment company with segregated liability between sub-funds and variable capital incorporated in Ireland on 5 March 2007 under registration number 435796 and established as an umbrella fund pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended)**

## **SUPPLEMENT 3**

**DATED: 24 September 2018**

**Investment Manager**

**Albemarle Asset Management Limited**

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**This Supplement forms part of, and should be read in the context of and together with, the Prospectus dated 24 September 2018 (the “Prospectus”) in relation to the Company and contains information relating to the Albemarle Euro Bond Fund (the “Fund”) which is a separate portfolio of the Company.**

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## Definitions

Words and terms defined in the Prospectus have the same meaning in this Supplement unless otherwise stated herein.

- “Base Currency”** for the purposes of this Supplement, the base currency shall be Euro.
- “Dealing Day”** means each Business Day or such other day as the Directors may agree following consultation with the Administrator and upon prior notification to Shareholders, provided there shall be at least one Dealing Day every two weeks;
- “Dealing Deadline”** means 13:00 (Irish time) at least 1 Business Day prior to the relevant Dealing Day or such later time as any Director may from time to time permit and notify in advance to Shareholders provided that applications will not be accepted after the Valuation Point;
- “Index”** means the JP Morgan Global Government Bond Index (in Euro). Please see “Information on the Index” below;
- “Valuation Day”** means each Business Day, and such other day as the Directors may determine, following consultation with the Administrator and prior notification to the Shareholders, provided that there shall be a Valuation Day for every Dealing Day and for the avoidance of doubt, the Valuation Day will precede the relevant Dealing Day by one Business Day; and
- “Valuation Point”** means 11.15 pm (Irish time) on a Valuation Day using the closing market prices in the relevant markets available as at the Valuation Day or such other time on a Valuation Day as the Directors may determine provided that the valuation point is always after the Dealing Deadline.

## **Investment Objective and Policies**

### **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long term capital appreciation.

### **Investment Policy**

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing mainly in bonds issued by commercial, governmental or supranational entities domiciled in countries whose government bond market is included in the Index. The Fund may also invest in bonds issued by commercial, governmental or supranational entities domiciled in European countries not included in the Index.

At least 70% of the investments of the Fund will be denominated in Euro. The remaining investments of the Fund may be denominated in foreign currencies, mainly USD and JPY, or any other currency that the Investment Manager will consider to be undervalued from time to time. Investment in bonds may include investment in investment-grade, below investment-grade and un-rated corporate or government bonds, which have a fixed or floating rate. The total investment in below investment-grade and un-rated bonds will not exceed 40% of the net asset value of the Fund. Un-rated bonds are not rated by any rating agency but may have characteristics of either investment grade or below investment grade fixed income securities and bonds. The securities of the Fund will be listed or traded on Recognised Markets.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments, such as, but not limited to, futures, forwards, foreign exchange contracts (including spot and forward contracts) and options (“FDIs”) for efficient portfolio management or investment purposes. To the extent that the Fund uses FDIs, there may be a risk that the volatility of the Fund’s Net Asset Value may increase. However, although the Fund may be leveraged as a result of its investments in FDIs, such leverage will not exceed 100% of the Fund’s total Net Asset Value. The Fund is therefore not expected to have an above average risk profile as a result of its investment in derivative instruments. A list of the FDI markets are set out in Appendix IV of the Prospectus.

Futures (including financial future contracts) may be used to hedge against market risk, to change the Fund’s interest rate sensitivity or to gain exposure to an underlying market. Forward contracts may be used to hedge or to gain exposure to an increase in the value of an asset, currency or deposit. Foreign exchange contracts may be used to reduce the risk of adverse market changes in exchange rates or to increase exposure to foreign currencies or to shift exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one country to another. Options may be used to hedge or achieve exposure to a particular market instead of using a physical security.

A risk management process prepared in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements, which enables the Fund to accurately measure, monitor and manage the various risks associated with FDIs, has been submitted to the Central Bank. The Fund may only utilise FDIs listed in the risk management process once cleared by the Central Bank.

As outlined under the terms of the Prospectus, the Fund may engage in efficient portfolio management techniques including Securities Financing Transactions such as securities lending agreements. The types of assets that may be subject to securities lending will be of a type which is consistent with the investment policy of the Fund. The maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of Securities Financing Transactions shall be 60% of the net asset value of the Fund. The Investment Manager does not anticipate that the Fund’s exposure to securities lending will exceed 30% of the net asset value of the Fund.

**In light of its investment in below investment grade securities, an investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial portion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors. Investment in below investment grade securities can expose an investor to default and liquidity risks. Please see “Liquidity and Settlement Risks” under the “Risk Warnings” section of the Prospectus and “Investment Grade Securities” under the “Investment Restrictions” section below.**

The assets of the Fund will be invested in accordance with the UCITS Regulations and the investment restrictions described under “Investment Restrictions” in the Prospectus.

The Fund may also employ investment techniques and instruments subject to the conditions and limits set out in the Central Bank issued guidelines, for efficient portfolio management of its assets for hedging against market movements, currency exchange, interest rate risks or otherwise as detailed under the heading “Efficient Portfolio Management” in the Prospectus.

### **Investment Restrictions**

The investment restrictions set out in the Prospectus are deemed to apply at the time of purchase of the investments. If such limits are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of the Company, or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, the Company must adopt, as a priority objective, the remedying of the situation, taking due account of the interests of Shareholders.

The Directors may in their absolute discretion from time to time impose such further investment restrictions as shall be compatible with or in the interest of the Shareholders, in order to comply with the laws and regulations of the countries where Shareholders are located, provided that the general principle of diversification in respect of the Company’s assets are adhered to for so long as the Shares are listed on the Irish Stock Exchange.

### **Investment Risks**

Investment in the Fund carries with it a degree of risk including, but not limited to, the risks described in the “Risk Warnings” section of the Prospectus. The use of derivatives by the Fund may increase its risk profile. For information in relation to the risks associated with the use of derivative instruments, please refer to the “Risk Warnings” and “Investment Restrictions” section in the Prospectus. These investment risks are not purported to be exhaustive and potential investors should review the Prospectus and this Supplement carefully and consult with their professional advisers before making an application for Shares. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

#### *Investment Grade Securities*

S&P ratings and ratings of other recognised rating agencies are relative and subjective and are not absolute standards of quality. Investment ratings are subject to change and changes may affect both the volatility and liquidity of an issue. The downgrading of a bond may cause the value to fall.

Generally, medium or lower rated investment grade securities offer a higher current yield than is offered by higher rated securities, but also are likely and have some quality and protective characteristics that, in the judgement of the rating organisations, are outweighed by large uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions.

The market value of securities in lower rated investment grade categories is more volatile than that of higher quality securities, and the markets in which these securities are traded are less liquid than those in which higher rated securities are traded.

In the event of rising interest rates, the value of the securities held by the Fund may decline proportionately more than higher rated securities. If the Fund experiences unexpected net withdrawals, higher rated bonds may have to be sold, resulting in a decline in the overall credit quality of the securities held by the Fund and increasing the exposure of the Fund to the risks of lower rated securities.

Subsequent to purchase, an issue of securities may cease to be rated or its rating may be reduced. Neither event requires sale of these securities by the Fund, but the Investment Manager may consider the event and the Fund's holdings in sub investment grade and un-rated securities in the determination of whether the securities should continue to be held.

#### *Sub Investment Grade Securities*

Sub-investment grade bonds are speculative to both interest payments and repayments of capital. Such bonds are particularly sensitive to prevailing economic conditions. In particular, adverse changes in economic or other conditions are likely to impair the ability of the obligor to make interest and principal payments. For sub-investment grade debt obligations the risk to income and capital is high.

Sub-investment grades are particularly vulnerable to the other risks highlighted.

#### *Un-rated Securities*

Issuers of bonds may select not to have an issue rated by an external agency. Un-rated bonds may have the characteristics of either investment or sub-investment grade bonds. Market activity in these bonds may be low for a considerable period of time and this may impact on liquidity. A lack of rating tends to adversely affect marketability.

### **Information on the Index**

The Index is a total return, market capitalization weighted index, rebalanced monthly consisting of the following countries: Australia, Germany, Spain, Belgium, Italy, Sweden, Canada, Japan, United Kingdom, Denmark, Netherlands, United States and France.

### **Subscriptions**

The Fund is offering four Classes of Shares in respect of the Company – Class A Shares, Class I Shares and Class MC Shares which are denominated in Euro, and Class B Shares which are denominated in USD. It is currently intended that the Class I Shares will be marketed to institutional investors and accordingly, such Shares will not be generally available to other investors.

The exposure of the holders of Class B Shares to share currency designation risk arising from fluctuations between USD as the designated currency of the Class B Shares, and the Base Currency will, as far as possible, be fully hedged to mitigate this risk by using any of the efficient portfolio management techniques and instruments, including currency options and forward currency exchange contracts, set out in the Prospectus and within the conditions and limits imposed by the Central Bank. While it is not the intention, over-hedged or under-hedged positions may arise due to factors outside of the control of the Fund. Over-hedged positions will not be permitted to exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value attributable to the Class B Shares, and relevant hedged positions will be kept under review to ensure that over-hedged positions do not exceed the permitted level. The financial instruments used to implement such hedging strategies shall be assets/liabilities of the Fund as a whole. However, the gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments will accrue solely to the Class B Shares.

### *Subsequent Dealing*

The Class A Shares, Class B Shares and the Class I Shares shall be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share on each Dealing Day and adding thereto such sum as the Directors in their absolute discretion may from time to time determine as an appropriate provision for duties and charges.

The Class MC Shares shall be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share on each Dealing Day and adding thereto such sum as the Directors in their absolute discretion may from time to time determine as an appropriate provision for duties and charges (and a front end fee may be payable by an investor of up to 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund).

In order to receive Shares at the Net Asset Value per Share as of any particular Dealing Day, the signed original application form, together with any anti-money laundering documents, must be received no later than the Dealing Deadline or such later time as any Director may from time to time permit provided that subscription applications will not be accepted after the Valuation Point. Applications received after such time will be held over until the following Dealing Day. Subsequent applications may be made in writing or by facsimile or by electronic means provided such means are in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

There is a minimum initial subscription amount of €1,000 or its foreign currency equivalent or such other amount as the Directors may from time to time determine, provided it is not less than €1,000 in the case of the Class A Shares, the Class I Shares and the Class MC Shares or its USD currency equivalent in the case of the Class B Shares.

Subscriptions for Class A Shares, Class I Shares and Class MC Shares must be in Euro and subscriptions for Class B Shares must be in USD unless the Directors otherwise agree to accept subscriptions in any freely convertible currency approved by the Administrator, in which case such subscriptions will be converted into the relevant currency at the prevailing exchange rate available to the Administrator and the cost (and associated risk) of conversion will be borne by the Shareholder and deducted from the subscription monies.

Settlement for subscriptions must be received by the Company, care of the Administrator no later than two Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day provided that the Directors reserve the right to defer the issue of Shares until receipt of subscription monies by the Fund.

Subscriptions for Class A Shares, Class I Shares and Class MC Shares should be made by electronic transfer to the accounts set out in the Application Form

## **Redemptions**

### **Redemption of Shares**

Shareholders may request the Fund to redeem their Shares on and with effect from any Dealing Day at the Net Asset Value per Share less any applicable duties and charges on such Dealing Day (subject to such adjustments, if any, as may be specified including, without limitation, any adjustment required for redemption charges as described under the section of the Prospectus entitled “Fees and Expenses”) in accordance with the redemption procedures specified below.

A redemption request form should be posted or sent by facsimile, so as to arrive at the Administrator’s address no later than the Dealing Deadline or such later time as any Director may from time to time permit provided that redemption requests will not be accepted after the Valuation Point.

Redemption requests should be made on a signed redemption request form (available from the Administrator), which should be posted or sent by facsimile to the Company, care of the Administrator. The address for the Administrator is set out in the Prospectus. In the case of redemption requests sent by facsimile, payment of redemption proceeds will only be made to the account of record as provided for in the application form. Alternatively, redemption requests can be sent by electronic means provided such means are in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

Settlement will normally be made by electronic transfer on the second Business Day after the relevant Dealing Day on which the redemption is effective. Payment will be made in the Base Currency unless otherwise agreed with the Administrator to be in another major freely convertible currency. Payment of redemption proceeds will be made to the registered Shareholder to the account of record. Amendments to the registration details and payments instructions will only be effected on receipt of original documentation. The proceeds of the redemption of Shares will only be paid on receipt by the Administrator of the original subscription application form and anti-money laundering documents and only where all anti-money laundering procedures have been completed. A repurchase request will not be capable of withdrawal after submission to the Company, unless such withdrawal is approved by the Company acting in its absolute discretion. If requested, the Company may, in its absolute discretion and subject to the prior approval of the Depository, and on prior written notification to the Shareholders, agree to designate additional Dealing Days and Valuation Points for the repurchase of Shares.

### **Dividend Policy**

The Company does not anticipate distributing dividends from net investment income in respect of the Fund but the Company reserves the right to pay dividends or make other distribution in the future. Initially such amounts will be retained by the Company and will be reflected in the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

### **Fees and Expenses**

#### **Investment Management and Performance Fees**

##### *All Classes of Shares*

The Investment Manager shall be entitled to the following investment management and performance fees payable out of the assets of the Fund in relation to the relevant Class of Shares:

1. an investment management fee calculated by the Administrator accruing at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears at a rate of 1/12<sup>th</sup> of:
  - (a) 0.80% of the average Net Asset Value of the Class A Shares;
  - (b) 1% of the average Net Asset Value of the Class B Shares;
  - (c) 0.40% of the average Net Asset Value of the Class I Shares; and
  - (d) 1.5% of the average Net Asset Value of the Class MC Shares.
2. a performance fee payable equal to 25% of the aggregate outperformance in value of the Class A Shares and/or Class B Shares and/or Class I Shares and/or Class MC Shares (as the case may be) over the amount of the benchmark return for those Shares multiplied by the average number of Shares in issue during the calculation period. The manner in which the

outperformance in value of the Shares and the benchmark return are calculated for these purposes is described in more detail below.

Performance fees are accrued at each Valuation Point and payable quarterly in arrears, calculated by the Administrator and verified by the Depositary as at the last Business Day in the three month periods ending on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December in each year (each a “**Calculation Date**”).

Where a Shareholder requests the Fund to redeem their shares prior to the end of a calculation period, any accrued but unpaid performance fee in respect of such Shares will be deducted from the redemption proceeds.

For the purposes of calculating the performance fees, a performance period shall generally commence on the Business Day following the immediately preceding Calculation Date and end on the Calculation Date as at which the performance fee is to be calculated. For the purposes of calculating the performance fee during the first calculation period of a Class of Shares, the initial offer price of the relevant Class of Shares will be taken as the starting point for the calculation of the performance fee for the first performance period.

The outperformance in value in respect of Shares in a Class shall be calculated as at each Calculation Date based off the Closing NAV of those Shares for that performance period. For the purposes of such calculation, the “**Closing NAV**” shall be the Net Asset Value per Share at the Calculation Date as at which the calculation is being made before accrual of the performance fee. The initial Closing NAV was the close of the initial offer period.

The benchmark return shall be the aggregate notional return which would have accrued in that performance period had a sum equal in value to the Net Asset Value per Share at the preceding Calculation Date been invested at the commencement of the performance period at the benchmark value of the JP Morgan Global Government Bond EMU Index. The Bloomberg ticker for the performance benchmark is JPMGEMLC.

The performance fee will only be payable in circumstances where the Closing NAV of the Class A Shares and/or Class B Shares and/or Class I Shares and/or Class MC Shares (as the case may be) has appreciated in value since the last Calculation Date. Furthermore, the performance fee will only be payable of the amount by which the in Net Asset Value of the Class A Shares and/or Class B Shares and/or Class I Shares and/or Class MC Shares (as the case may be) exceeds the benchmark return for the relevant calculation period Any underperformance against the benchmark in previous periods will be clawed back before the performance fee becomes due in subsequent periods.

As the Fund uses a benchmark to measure the performance fee, the Fund is considered a user of a benchmark in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (the “**Benchmark Regulation**”). As at the date of this Supplement, the administrator of the Benchmark is not yet included on the register referred to in Article 36 of the Benchmark Regulations.

### **Establishment Costs of the Fund**

The establishment costs of the Fund did not exceed €8,000. These costs will be borne out of the assets of the Fund and will be amortised over the three financial years of the Fund following the approval of the Fund by the Central Bank or such other period as the Directors may determine.

### **Other Fees and Expenses**

The Fund shall also bear a portion of the fees and expenses of the Company as set out under the heading “Fees and Expenses” in the Prospectus.