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Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable.**

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**Notice to Shareholders:**

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**JSS INVESTMENTFONDS II – JSS EQUITY – US LARGE CAP**

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(the “**Absorbed Sub-Fund**”)

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**IMPORTANT:**  
**THIS LETTER REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.**  
**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THIS LETTER,**  
**YOU SHOULD SEEK INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL ADVICE.**

Luxembourg, 23 January 2020

Dear shareholders,

The board of directors (the “**Board of Directors**”) of JSS Investmentfonds II (the “**Company**”) wishes to inform that the Board of Directors as well as the board of directors of JSS Investmentfonds (JSS Investmentfonds and JSS Investmentfonds II commonly referred as the “**Companies**”) have decided to merge the sub-fund JSS Investmentfonds II – JSS Equity – US Large Cap (the “**Absorbed Sub-Fund**”) into the sub-fund JSS Investmentfonds – JSS Sustainable Equity – USA (the “**Absorbing Sub-Fund**”), both sub-funds of the Companies (together the “**Merging Sub-Funds**”).

The Companies are both undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) in form of a *société d'investissement à capital variable* incorporated under the law of 10 August 1915 of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, as amended (the “**1915 Law**”) and subject to part I of the law of 17 December 2010, as amended (the “**2010 Law**”). The Companies have their registered office at 11-13, Boulevard de la Foire, L-1528 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and JSS Investmentfonds is registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register under number B 40.633.



Both Companies have appointed J. Safra Sarasin Fund Management (Luxembourg) S.A., which is licensed to act as a management company pursuant to chapter 15 of the 2010 Law, as its management company.

The merger shall become effective on 13 March 2020 (the "**Effective Date**"). This notice describes the implications of the contemplated merger (the "**Merger**"). Please contact your financial advisor if you have any questions on the content of this notice. **The Merger may impact your tax situation. Shareholders should contact their tax advisor for specific tax advice in relation to the Merger.**

Capitalized terms not defined herein have the same meaning as in the prospectus of the Company.

## 1. Background and rationale for the Merger

The Merger has been decided in consideration of the following:

- a) the similarity of the investment objectives, policies and universe of the Absorbed Sub-Fund and the Absorbing Sub-Fund; and
- b) an opportunity to rationalise the range of sub-funds and therefore to offer the benefit of economies of scale to investors of both the Absorbed Sub-Fund and the Absorbing Sub-Fund which is in the best interest of the shareholders of both the Absorbed Sub-Fund and the Absorbing Sub-Fund.

## 2. Summary of the Merger

- (i) The Merger shall become effective and final between the Absorbed Sub-Fund and the Absorbing Sub-Fund and vis-à-vis third parties on the Effective Date.
- (ii) The Merger between the Merging Sub-Funds will be effected by the absorption of the Absorbed Sub-Fund by the Absorbing Sub-Fund whereby the assets and liabilities of the Absorbed Sub-Fund are transferred to the Absorbing Sub-Fund by way of a contribution of all assets and liabilities of the Absorbed Sub-Fund into the Absorbing Sub-Fund. It is intended that the assets of the Absorbed Sub-Fund will be liquidated and subsequently only be invested in cash positions so that at the Effective Date the Absorbed Sub-Fund will only hold cash positions which will be transferred to the Absorbing Sub-Fund. The Absorbed Sub-Fund will cease to exist as a result of the Merger and thereby will be dissolved on the Effective Date without going into liquidation.
- (iii) The Absorbed Sub-Fund's portfolio will be rebalanced prior to the Effective Date. The assets of the Absorbed Sub-Fund will be liquidated and subsequently the Absorbed Sub-Fund will only be invested in cash positions. Following this rebalancing, the cash will be transferred to the Absorbing Sub-Fund on the Effective Date
- (iv) No general meeting of shareholders shall be convened in order to approve the Merger and shareholders are not required to vote on the Merger.
- (v) Shareholders of the Absorbed Sub-Fund, holding shares in the share classes of the Absorbed Sub-Fund (the "**Absorbed Classes**") on the Effective Date will automatically be issued shares in the share classes of the Absorbing Sub-Fund (the "**Receiving Classes**") in exchange for their shares of the Absorbed Sub-Fund, in accordance with the relevant share exchange ratio and participate in the results of the



Absorbing Sub-Fund as from such date. Such shareholders will receive a confirmation note of their holdings in the Absorbing Sub-Fund as soon as practicable after the Effective Date. For more detailed information please see section 5 (*Rights of shareholders in relation to the Merger*) below.

- (vi) Subscriptions, redemptions and/or conversions of shares of the Merging Sub-Funds will be suspended as indicated under section 6 (*Procedural aspects*) below.
- (vii) Other procedural aspects of the Merger are set out in section 6 (*Procedural aspects*) below.
- (viii) The Merger has been approved by the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (the “**CSSF**”).
- (ix) The timetable below summarises the key steps of the Merger.

Notice sent to shareholders	<b>23 January 2020</b>
Last NAV date	<b>12 March 2020</b>
Calculation of share exchange ratios	<b>12 March 2020</b>
Effective Date	<b>13 March 2020</b>

### 3. Impact of the Merger on shareholders of the Absorbed Sub-Fund as well as of the Absorbing Sub-Fund

The Merger is binding on all the shareholders of the Merging Sub-Funds who have not exercised their right to request the redemption of their shares, free of charge, within the timeframe set out in Section 5 (*Rights of shareholders in relation to the Merger*) below. All the shares in the Absorbed Classes which have not been redeemed will be exchanged on the Effective Date in an equivalent amount for shares in the equivalent Receiving Classes, as described in the table below:

Absorbed Classes	ISIN-Code	Receiving Classes	ISIN-Code
P USD acc	LU1210426224	P USD acc	LU0526864581
P USD dist	LU1224937331	P USD dist*	LU2076232706
C USD acc	LU1210426810	C USD acc	LU0950593094
I USD acc	LU1210427388	I USD acc*	LU1111705254
I USD dist	LU1224937505	I USD dist*	LU2076232961

\* Not yet launched.

The main characteristics of the Absorbed Sub-Fund, as described in the prospectus of the Company and in the key investor information document (“**KIID**”) of the Absorbed Sub-Fund and of the Absorbing Sub-Fund as described in the prospectus of JSS Investmentfonds and in the KIID of the Absorbing Sub-Fund are similar and will remain the same until the Effective Date.



Shareholders of the Absorbed Sub-Fund should carefully read the description of the Absorbing Sub-Fund in the relevant prospectus of JSS Investmentfonds and in the KIID of the Absorbing Sub-Fund before making any decision in relation to the Merger.

Key characteristics of the Absorbed Sub-Fund and Absorbing Sub-Fund may be summarized as follows:

Product features	Absorbed Sub-Fund	Absorbing Sub-Fund
<b>I. Operational details</b>		
Investment Manager	Glenmede Investment Management L.P., Philadelphia, PA, USA	Bank J. Safra Sarasin AG, Basel
Investor profile	This sub-fund is suited to investors with a medium to long-term investment horizon seeking capital appreciation. JSS Equity – US Large Cap is intended as a core investment in US equities for risk-aware investors.	This sub-fund is suited to investors with a medium to long-term investment horizon seeking capital appreciation. JSS Sustainable Equity – USA is intended as a core investment in US equities for investors seeking a vehicle that prioritises environmentally friendly economic growth combined with sustainable growth potential.
Accounting currency	USD	USD
<b>II. Investment Objectives and policies, and related risks</b>		
Investment objective	The investment objective of JSS Equity – US Large Cap is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in US equities. This means that the investment manager seeks to optimise investment performance in USD terms.	The investment objective of JSS Sustainable Equity – USA is long-term capital appreciation through a diversified investment in US equities.
Investment Policy	The assets of JSS Equity – US Large Cap are mainly invested either directly or indirectly in equity securities of large caps (such as ordinary and preference shares, depositary receipts, etc.) that are domiciled in the US or whose business activities are concentrated in the US or, in the case of holding companies, that are invested mainly in shares of companies that are domiciled in the US. Large-caps are defined as all companies with a	The sub-fund invests in companies which contribute to sustainable business practices. These companies distinguish themselves through their strategic focus on environmentally friendly, eco-efficient management and proactive shaping of relations with key stakeholders (e.g. employees, customers, financial backers, shareholders, public sector bodies, etc.). The sub-fund therefore invests in the industry leaders who take advantage of the concept of



	<p>market capitalization of more than USD 1 billion at the time the investment is made. Provided that the requirements of Article 41 of the 2010 Law are met, the Sub-Fund may also participate in initial public offerings.</p> <p>The sub-fund may also invest up to 15% of its net assets in convertible bonds or bonds with warrants, fixed and floating rate bonds (including zero bonds) and other fixed income instruments, as defined in the Directive of the Council of the European Union on the Taxation of Savings Income. Liquid assets are permitted within the 15% limit. In addition, shares/units of other UCITS/UCIs and derivative instruments may be used in accordance with the information contained in section 3.3 "Investment restrictions".</p> <p>Investments can be made directly in equities or, if permitted, using the investment techniques and instruments described in section 3.4 "Use of derivatives and techniques and instruments".</p>	<p>sustainable development as a strategic opportunity. Specific industries may be excluded. At least 75% of the net assets are invested in the shares of the companies described above which are either domiciled in the United States of America or whose business activities are concentrated in the United States of America or, in the case of holding companies, own stakes mainly in companies domiciled in the United States of America. The investment policy is not based on a systematic process. The sub-fund may also invest up to 15% of its net assets in convertible bonds or bonds with warrants, fixed and floating rate bonds (including zero bonds) and other fixed income instruments, as defined in the Directive of the Council of the European Union on the Taxation of Savings Income. Direct investments in equity securities are at least 51% of the Sub-Fund's assets. Liquid assets are permitted within the 15% limit. In addition, shares/units of other UCITS/UCIs and derivatives may be used in accordance with the information contained in section 3.3 "Investment restrictions". An interdisciplinary advisory board assists the investment manager with regard to the concept, selection criteria and definition of excluded activities. It discusses new scientific and social findings with the investment manager. The advisory board has no decision-making powers.</p>
Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI)	5	6
Risk profile	Investments in the sub-fund can fluctuate in value, and there is no guarantee that the shares can be sold for the original capital amount invested. In addition, if the investor's Reference Currency differs from the	Investments in the sub-fund can fluctuate in value, and there is no guarantee that the Shares can be sold for the original capital amount invested. In addition, if the investor's Reference Currency differs from the sub-fund's



	sub-fund's Investment Currency(ies), a currency risk exists. As JSS Equity – US Large Cap invests in equities, its performance is primarily influenced by company specific changes and changes in the economic environment. The market value of newly issued shares may fluctuate considerably owing to factors such as the lack of a prior public market, untested trading, low number of shares available for trading or limited information on issuers.	Investment currency(ies), a currency risk exists. As JSS Sustainable Equity – USA invests in equities, its performance is primarily influenced by company-specific changes and changes in the economic environment.
Risk monitoring method	Commitment approach	Commitment approach
KIID Risk Disclosures	This sub-fund was categorised in risk class 5 because, in accordance with the investment policy, the value of the investments may fluctuate somewhat sharply. Consequently, both the expected return and the potential risk of loss may be above average.	This sub-fund was categorised in risk class 6 because, in accordance with the investment policy, the value of the investments may fluctuate considerably. Consequently, both the expected return and the potential risk of loss may be high.
Financial periods	1 May - 30 April of each year	1 July - 30 June of each year
<b>III. Fees to be borne by the shareholders</b>		
Subscription fee	Max. 3.00%	Max. 3.00%
Redemption fee	none	none
Conversion fee	none	none
Dilution fee (of the sale or redemption amount in favour of the sub-fund)	none	Max. 0.4% of the redemption amount in favour of the sub-fund.
<b>IV. Fees paid out of the sub-fund's assets</b>		
Management Company fee	Max. 2.00% p.a. for all classes "P" Max. 1.50% p.a. for all classes "C" Max. 1.00% p.a. for all classes "I"	Max. 1.75% p.a. for all classes "P" Max. 1.15% p.a. for all classes "C" Max. 1.05% p.a. for all classes "I"
Depository fee	Max. 0.10% p.a.	Max. 0.10% p.a.
Ongoing charges	(KIID as of 31.08.2019):	(KIID as of 31.08.2019):





	P USD acc: 1.65% P USD dist:1.65% C USD acc:1.40% I USD acc:1.20% I USD dist:1.21%	P USD acc: 1.84% C USD acc: 1.42%
Other costs and expenses	Service charge of up to 0.25% p.a. for all issued share classes.	Service charge of up to 0.25% p.a. for all issued share classes.

#### 4. Criteria adopted for the calculation of the exchange ratio

The share class exchange ratio in respect of the respective Absorbed Class of the Absorbed Sub-Fund will be determined as of 12 March 2020 by dividing the net asset value per share of the Absorbed Class calculated as of the Effective Date by the net asset value per share of the respective Receiving Class of the Absorbing Sub-Fund as at the same date.

As the accounting currency of the Absorbed Sub-Fund and the reference currency of its Absorbing Classes are not the same as the accounting currency of the Absorbing Sub-Fund and the reference currency of its Receiving Classes, an exchange rate between the accounting and reference currencies of both Merging Sub-Funds their Absorbed and Receiving Classes needs to be applied in order to calculate the number of shares of the Absorbing Sub-Fund share classes to be issued on the Effective Date in exchange for the shares of the existing Absorbed Classes of the Absorbed Sub-Fund.

The fund administrator of the Companies will be responsible for calculating the exchange ratio and allocating the shares in the Absorbing Sub-Fund to the shareholders of the Absorbed Sub-Fund.

#### 5. Rights of shareholders in relation to the Merger

Shareholders of the Absorbed Sub-Fund on the Effective Date will automatically be issued, in exchange for their shares in the Absorbed Sub-Fund, a number of shares of the corresponding share class of the Absorbing Sub-Fund equivalent to the number of shares held in the relevant share class of the Absorbed Sub-Fund multiplied by the relevant share exchange ratio which shall be calculated for each class of shares on the basis of its respective net asset value as of 12 March 2020. In case the application of the relevant share exchange ratio does not lead to the issuance of full shares, the shareholders of the Absorbed Sub-Fund will receive fractions of shares up to three decimal points within the corresponding share class of the Absorbing Sub-Fund.

No subscription fee will be levied within the Absorbing Sub-Fund as a result of the Merger.

Shareholders of the Absorbed Sub-Fund will acquire rights as shareholders of the Absorbing Sub-Fund from the Effective Date and will thus participate in any increase in the net asset value of the corresponding share class of the Absorbing Sub-Fund.

The Absorbed Sub-Fund's portfolio will be rebalanced prior to the Effective Date. As set out above, the assets of the Absorbed Sub-Fund will be liquidated and subsequently the Absorbed Sub-Fund will only be invested in cash positions. Following this rebalancing, the cash will be transferred to the Absorbing Sub-Fund on the Effective Date. Shareholders of the Receiving Classes will benefit from an increase of the net assets of the Receiving Classes, and it cannot be excluded that no material consequences or dilution effect should result for them in this context.



Shareholders of the Merging Sub-Funds not agreeing with the Merger will be given the possibility to request the redemption of their shares of the Merging Sub-Funds at the applicable net asset value, without any redemption charges (other than charges retained by the Merging Sub-Funds to meet disinvestment costs) during at least 30 calendar days following the date of the present notice.

## **6. Procedural aspects**

### **6.1 *No shareholder vote required***

No shareholder vote is required in order to carry out the Merger under article 20 of the articles of association of the Company. Shareholders of the Merging Sub-Funds not agreeing with the Merger may request the redemption of their shares as stated under section 5 (*Rights of shareholders in relation to the Merger*) above prior to 5 March 2020.

Redemptions requests must be submitted in written to RBC Investor Services Bank S.A., Attn.Customer Services, 14, porte de France, L-4360 Esch-sur-Alzette or by facsimile to +352 24 60 95 00.

### **6.2 *Suspensions in dealings and deviations from investment restrictions and risk diversification limits***

In order to implement the procedures needed for the Merger in an orderly and timely manner, the Board of Directors has decided that

- (i) subscriptions for or conversions to and redemption of shares of the Absorbed Sub-Fund will no longer be accepted or processed from 5 March 2020 and that subscriptions for or conversions to and redemption of shares of the Absorbing Sub-Fund will not be accepted or processed between 5 March 2020 and the Effective Date.
- (ii) the Absorbed Sub-Fund may deviate from its investment restrictions and the risk diversification limits as from the date of this publication.

### **6.3 *Confirmation of the Merger***

Each shareholder in the Merging Sub-Funds will receive a notification confirming that the Merger has been carried out and shareholders of the Absorbed Sub-Fund will in addition receive the information confirming the number of shares of the corresponding class of shares of the Absorbing Sub-Fund that they hold after the Merger.

### **6.4 *Approval by competent authorities***

The Merger has been approved by the CSSF which is the competent authority supervising the Company in Luxembourg.





## 7. Costs of the Merger

In compliance with the provisions of the 2010 Law neither the Companies nor any of the shareholders of the Merging Sub-Funds will bear any legal, advisory or administrative costs associated with the preparation and the completion of the Merger. The costs of the Merger will be borne by the management company of the Companies, i.e. J. Safra Sarasin Fund Management (Luxembourg) S.A..

## 8. Taxation

The Merger of the Absorbed Sub-Fund into the Absorbing Sub-Fund may have tax consequences for shareholders. Shareholders should consult their professional advisers about the consequences of this Merger on their individual tax position.

## 9. Additional information

### 9.1 Merger reports

Deloitte Audit, *société à responsabilité limitée*, 20 Boulevard de Kockelscheuer, 1821 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the authorised auditor of the Companies will prepare reports on the Merger which shall include a validation of the following items:

- 1) the criteria adopted for valuation of the assets and, as the case may be, the liabilities on the date for calculating the exchange ratio, as referred to in article 75 (1) of the 2010 Law;
- 2) the calculation method for determining the share exchange ratios;
- 3) where applicable, the cash payment per share and
- 4) the final share exchange ratios.

The merger report regarding items 1) to 3) above shall be made available at the registered office of the Company on request and free of charge to the shareholders of the Merging Sub-Funds and the CSSF from 13 March 2020. It is anticipated that the report (concerning the elements mentioned under item 4) above shall be made available at the registered office of the Company on request and free of charge as from the Effective Date or shortly thereafter.

### 9.2 Additional documents available

The following documents are available to the shareholders of the Merging Sub-Funds at the registered office of the Merging Sub-Funds on request and free of charge as from 23 January 2020:

- (a) the common terms of the Merger drawn-up by the Board of Directors containing detailed information on the Merger, including the calculation method of the share exchange ratios (the "**Common Terms of the Merger**");
- (b) a statement by the depositary bank of the Companies confirming that it has verified compliance of the Common Terms of the Merger with the terms of the law of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment and the articles of association of the Companies;



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- (c) the prospectus of the Companies; and
- (d) the KIIDs of the Absorbing Sub-Fund.

The Board of Directors draws the attention of the shareholders of the Absorbed Sub-Fund to the importance of reading the KIIDs of the Absorbing Sub-Fund before making any decision in relation to the Merger.

Please contact your financial adviser or the registered office of the Companies you have questions regarding this matter.

The prospectuses of the Merging Sub-Funds are available free of charge under [www.jsafrasarasin.ch/funds](http://www.jsafrasarasin.ch/funds) as well as from the management company (J. Safra Sarasin Fund Management (Luxembourg) S.A., 11-13, Boulevard de la Foire, L-1528 Luxembourg) and the depositary bank of the Companies (RBC Investor Services Bank S.A., 14 porte de France, L-4360 Esch-sur-Alzette).

Yours sincerely,

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The Board of Directors

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