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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HONG KONG INVESTORS

- The Fund invests primarily in Fallen Angels, which are sub-investment grade Debt and Debt-Related Securities that were previously rated as investment grade.
- The Fund investment portfolio may fall in value and there is no guarantee of the repayment of principal.
- The Fund's investments are concentrated in the United States. The value of the Fund may also be more susceptible to adverse economic, political, policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal or regulatory event affecting the United States.
- The Fund invests primarily in debt securities rated below investment grade or unrated. Such securities are generally subject to lower liquidity, higher volatility and greater risk of loss of principal and interest than highrated debt securities.
- In general, the prices of debt securities fall when interest rates rise. The value of the Fund may be affected by substantial adverse movements in interest rates and inflation.
- The Fund may invest in Rule 144A bonds and Reg S bonds and may be subject to a higher price volatility and lower asset liquidity. It may be relatively more difficult to dispose of such investments within the desired time limit.
- The Fund may invest in financial derivative instrument (FDI) and may use FDI for investment, hedging and efficient portfolio management (EPM) purpose. Risks associated with FDI include counterparty/credit risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk and over-the counter transaction risk. The leverage element/ component of a derivative can result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested in the derivative by the Fund.
- The fund may invest in debt instruments with loss absorption features (LAP) which are subject to greater risk on liquidity, valuation and sector concentration. compared to traditional debt instruments.
- The Fund may pay dividend effectively out of capital which amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains.
- attributable to that original investment. Any such distributions may result in an immediate reduction of Net Asset Value per share.
- Investor should not rely solely on this document to make investment decision. Please read the offering documents carefully for further details including risk factors.

BNY Investments Adds Systematic Fallen Angels Fund In Hong Kong

First of Its Kind in the Hong Kong Retail Market

Hong Kong, September 19, 2024: BNY Investments, part of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation ("BNY") (NYSE:BK), a global financial services company, today announces the launch of the BNY Mellon Efficient US Fallen Angels Beta Fund ("the Fund"), the first retail registered fallen angel fund in Hong Kong.

Managed by Insight Investment (Insight), an \$838.1bn global asset manager with \$252.6bn under management in fixed income assets,¹the Fund invests in fallen angels, an asset class comprised of former investment grade companies that have been downgraded to sub-investment grade. The strategy seeks to

¹ As at 30 June 2024. Assets under management (AUM) are represented by the value of cash securities and other economic exposure managed for clients. Figures shown in USD. FX rates as per WM Reuters 4pm spot rates. Reflects the AUM of Insight, the corporate brand for certain companies operated by Insight Investment Management Limited (IIML). Insight includes, among others, Insight Investment Management (Global) Limited (IIMG), Insight Investment International Limited (IIIL), Insight Investment Management (Europe) Limited (IIMEL) and Insight North America LLC (INA), each of which provides asset management services.

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exploit market structural inefficiencies and relative value mispricing opportunities, as well as enhance liquidity through “credit portfolio trading”, a more liquid alternative to traditional over-the-counter (OTC) trading.

The Fund aims to generate a return in excess of its benchmark² with levels of volatility similar to the benchmark over the medium to long-term before fees and expenses.

“The Fund seeks to take advantage of the technical dislocation that occurs when bonds are downgraded from investment grade (IG) to sub-investment grade, which can cause passive and active investment grade investors to become ‘forced sellers’ of fallen angel bonds,” says **Paul Benson, Head of Systematic Fixed Income at Insight**, “Opportunities are created during these periods of high downgrade activity because spreads often widen disproportionately during the month of the downgrade relative to peers and to fair value. The weakening economic backdrop suggests we may soon approach a sweet spot for fallen angels, with potential for \$30bn to \$50bn of new fallen angels over the next 12 months as the economy moderates.”³

“We are excited to offer this strategy, which is the first fallen angels fund available to Hong Kong retail investors,” says **Sharon Ko, Head of Hong Kong Retail Distribution, BNY Investments**, “The Fund presents compelling opportunities to potentially achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns through capturing mispricing opportunities in the sub-investment grade market, strengthening the resilience of investor portfolios in a low growth environment.”

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About Insight Investment

Insight Investment is a leading asset manager focused on designing investment solutions to meet its clients’ needs. Founded in 2002, Insight’s collaborative approach has delivered both investment performance and growth in assets

² The Bloomberg Barclays US HY Fallen Angel 3% Cap Total Return Index Value Unhedged (the “Benchmark”).

³ Any projections or forecasts contained herein are based upon certain assumptions considered reasonable. Projections are speculative in nature and some or all of the assumptions underlying the projections may not materialize or vary significantly from the actual results. Accordingly, the projections are only an estimate.

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under management. Insight managed \$838.1bn¹ of assets as at 30 June 2024¹ across its core liability-driven investment, risk management, full-spectrum fixed income, currency and absolute return capabilities. Insight Investment is owned by BNY, a global leader in investment management and investment services with USD\$2.0 trillion in assets under management.

More information about Insight Investment can be found at: <https://www.insightinvestment.com>.

About BNY

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Important information

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