

## European Long-Term Investment Funds (ELTIFs) in a Nutshell

What you should know about ELTIF 2





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#### 1. ELTIF: distributing alternative strategies to nonprofessional investors

Regulation (EU) 2015/760 on European long-term investment funds (ELTIF) has been amended by the revised ELTIF Regulation which is applicable since 10 January 2024.

On 25 October 2024, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/2759 of 19 July 2024 supplementing the ELTIF Regulation (ELTIF RTS) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union. The ELTIF RTS enter into force on 26 October 2024.

The Luxembourg industry (and Elvinger Hoss Prussen in particular) have played an instrumental role historically in structuring investment products accessible to retail investors. More recently, we have been structuring investment funds, whether open- ended or closed-ended, that provide alternative strategies to non-

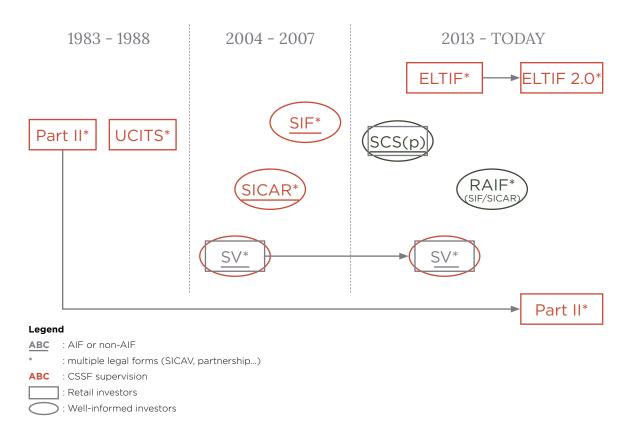
professional investors.

These 'democratized' vehicles have been structured mainly as ELTIFs or Luxembourg undertakings for collective investment setup under part II of the Law of 2010 or the combination of ELTIFs and Part II structures. The Part II fund is a Luxembourg domestic AIF that may accept all types of investors, including retail.

The ELTIF regime enables alternative investment fund managers to market their AIFs in the EEA with a passport to retail investors. Part II funds have been well-known to investors beyond the EEA for several decades.

An ELTIF may be set-up as a Part II fund (or a compartment thereof) to release the full potential of its retail marketing passport.

### 2. Overview of Luxembourg investment vehicles



#### 3. ELTIF key features

- Alternative investment fund (AIF) subject to AIFMD
- Managed by an authorised AIFM no sub-threshold AIFM
- Authorised and supervised by the financial regulator (CSSF) - for compliance with ELTIF Regulation aspects
- Authorisation at the level of the sub-fund possible to add ELTIF sub-funds to an existing structure
- EU marketing passport for professional and retail investors - unique advantage for AIFs
- Objective to facilitate the raising and channeling of capital towards long-term investments in the real economy

### 4. EU marketing passport

- The ELTIF Regulation is directly applicable in all EU countries
- Member states are not allowed to add requirements in the field covered by the ELTIF Regulation (art. 1 paragraph 3)
- Notification procedure as per AIFMD for both professional and retail investors

### 5. Eligible investors and distribution

ELTIF	ELTIF - UCI Part II	ELTIF - RAIF, SIF or SICAR			
ELIGIBLE INVESTORS					
<ul> <li>No restrictions</li> <li>Professional investors</li> <li>Retail investors</li> </ul>	No restrictions	Only well-informed investors     Institutional investors     Professional investors     Any other investors who:     confirm in writing adhesion to the status of well-informed investor, AND     invests a minimum of EUR 100,000 (or has been the subject of an assessment by a credit institution, an investment firm, a management company or an authorised AIFM certifying his expertise, his experience and his knowledge in adequately appraising the contemplated investment)			
DISTRIBUTION					
EU marketing passport for professional and retail investors	EU marketing passport for professional and retail investors	EU marketing passport for professional and retail investors (but retail investors must qualify as well-informed investors)			
Delegating to / appointing distributor(s) possible					

# 6. Marketing to retail investors – additional requirements

#### Suitability test

- Obtaining information about retail investor (MIFID II):
  - their knowledge and experience in the investment field
  - their financial situation
  - · their investment objective
- Providing statement on suitability (MIFID II)
- Express consent of investor possible in case of negative statement
- No MIFID II license required for AIFM marketing directly

#### Depositary - additional requirements (application of UCITS depositary regime):

- Entity authorised to act as depositary for UCITS (e.g. credit institution)
- No discharge of liability in the event of loss of financial instruments held by a 3rd party
- · Liability of depositary cannot be excluded or limited
- Assets cannot be reused by depositary

#### **PRIIPs Regulation**

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#### **AIFMD**

 Facilities: arrangement in host country(ies) to inform investors, handle orders, liaise with regulator... (no physical presence required)

### 7. ELTIF secondary market

- Listing of ELTIF possible
- Allowing free transfer of shares/units/interests is mandatory
  - → subject to complying with regulatory requirements and conditions set out in the prospectus
- Possibility to provide for full or partial matching of transfer requests between existing and potential investors as detailed in the ELTIF RTS
  - → subject to conditions set out in a detailed policy (role of AIFM, timing, price, ratio, costs and fees)

### 8. Conditions for redemptions upon request

- ELTIFs can be structured as closed-ended vehicles or open-ended vehicles
- Redemptions are possible if provided for in the ELTIF documentation
- Timeframe: not during ramp-up OR not during minimum holding period (except for feeder ELTIFs)
- ELTIFs have to put in place a **redemption policy** and **liquidity management tools** compatible with the long-term investment strategy
  - → Anti-dilution liquidity management tool: ELTIF manager may discretionarily select and implement at least one tool among anti-dilution levies, swing pricing and redemption fees and may select other tools under certain conditions
- Redemptions on **pro rata basis** if requests exceed maximum % (possibility to foresee **gating provisions**)

# Conditions for redemptions in an open-ended ELTIF (1/2)

- Redemptions on a given redemption date are limited to the sum of (a) the **portion of UCITS eligible assets** at the redemption date and (b) the **expected cash flow** forecasted on a prudent basis over 12 months
- Two methods for the determination of max. % of redemptions at a given redemption date under the ELTIF RTS:

**First method:** as a function of the <u>redemption frequency</u> and the <u>notice period (including extensions)</u>, if any, as specified in Annex I of the ELTIF RTS

Option 1 – Baseline option							
Notice period  Redemption frequency	No notice period	2 weeks notice period	1 month notice period	3 months notice period	6 months notice period	9 months notice period	12 months notice period
12 months	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
6 months	50,0%	52,2%	54,5%	66,7%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
3 months	25,0%	26,1%	27,3%	33,3%	50,0%	100,0%	100,0%
2 months	16,7%	17,4%	18,2%	22,2%	33,3%	66,7%	100,0%
1 month	8,3%	8,7%	9,1%	11,1%	16,7%	33,3%	100,0%
Bi-weekly	4,2%	4,3%	4,5%	5,6%	8,3%	16,7%	100,0%
Weekly	1,9%	2,0%	2,1%	2,6%	3,8%	7,7%	100,0%

Option 2 – Aggregation on a one-month basis							
Notice period  Redemption frequency	No notice period	2 weeks notice period	1 month notice period	3 months notice period	6 months notice period	9 months notice period	12 months notice period
12 months	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
6 months	50,0%	52,2%	54,5%	66,7%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
3 months	25,0%	26,1%	27,3%	33,3%	50,0%	100,0%	100,0%
2 months	16,7%	17,4%	18,2%	22,2%	33,3%	66,7%	100,0%
1 month or more frequent than 1 month	On an aggregate basis, during the period of one month: 8,3%	On an aggregate basis, during the period of one month: 8,7%	On an aggregate basis, during the period of one month: 9,1%	On an aggregate basis, during the period of one month:	On an aggregate basis, during the period of one month: 16,7%	On an aggregate basis, during the period of one month: 33,3%	On an aggregate basis, during the period of one month: 100,0%

Option 3 – Aggregation on a two-months basis							
Notice period  Redemption frequency	No notice period	2 weeks notice period	1 month notice period	3 months notice period	6 months notice period	9 months notice period	12 months notice period
12 months	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
6 months	50,0%	52,2%	54,5%	66,7%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
3 months	25,0%	26,1%	27,3%	33,3%	50,0%	100,0%	100,0%
2 months or more frequent than 2 months	On an aggregate basis, during the period of 2 months: 16,7%	On an aggregate basis, during the period of 2 months: 17,4%	On an aggregate basis, during the period of 2 months: 18,2%	On an aggregate basis, during the period of 2 months: 22,2%	On an aggregate basis, during the period of 2 months: 33,3%	On an aggregate basis, during the period of 2 months: 66,7%	On an aggregate basis, during the period of 2 months: 100,0%

# Conditions for redemptions in an open-ended ELTIF (2/2)

**Second method:** as a function of the  $\underline{\text{redemption frequency}}$  and the  $\underline{\text{minimum percentage of UCITS eligible assets}}$ , as specified in Annex II of the ELTIF RTS

Redemption frequency	Minimum percentage of assets referred to in Article 9(1), point (b)	Maximum percentage referred to in Article 18(2), first sub-paragraph, point (d)
12 months, and less frequent	10%	100%
6 months	15%	67%
3 months	20%	50%
1 month or more frequent	25%	20%, applied on a monthly aggregate basis



### 9.1. ELTIF eligible assets

### "Forbidden investments"

X Short selling

Direct or indirect

exposure to commodities

Securities lending, borrowing, repurchase

transactions or equivalent, if more than 10% of the assets are affected

Financial derivative

instruments, except for hedging purposes

### "Eligible investments" 2 sets of rules

#### "Eligible investment assets"

- Category with specific rules created to achieve the purpose of the ELTIF Regulation
- At least 55% of the ELTIF capital after ramp-up period

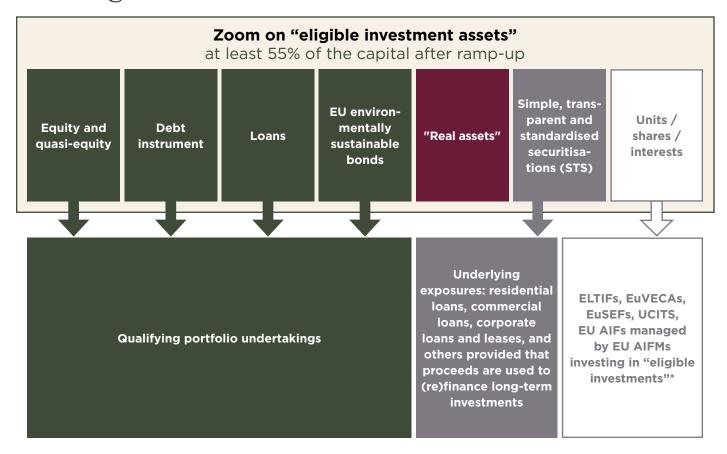
### Assets eligible under UCITS Directive

- ✓ Transferable securities
- ✓ Money market instruments
- ✓ Deposits
- Units/shares of investment funds
- Up to 45% of the ELTIF capital after ramp-up period

**Fund-of-funds strategy:** units/shares/interests of ELTIFs, EuVECAs, EuSEFs, UCITS, EU AIFs managed by EU AIFMs, investing in "Eligible Investments" are eligible.

Master-Feeder ELTIFs: at least 85% of feeder ELTIF invested in master ELTIF

#### 9.2. Eligible investment assets



<sup>\*</sup>Only "eligible investment assets" shall be taken into account for the purpose of determining compliance with investment limits laid down by the ELTIF Regulation (i.e. min. 55%).

### 9.3. Qualifying portfolio undertaking

#### Zoom on qualifying portfolio undertaking ("QPU")

### Any undertaking that is, at the time of the initial investment:

- × Not a financial holding company
- Not a mixed-activity holding company
  - Not a financial undertaking unless authorised or
- registered more recently than 5 years before the date of investment
- X Not listed with market capitalisation of more than EUR 1.5 B
- Not on EU list of high-risk third country with deficiencies in AML/CTF regimes
- Not on EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes

Not applicable to a QPU financing QPU(s) or real asset(s)

#### 9.4. Real assets

#### Zoom on "real assets"

"Real asset" means an asset that has an intrinsic value due to its substance and properties.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

#### **Comprises:**

- immovable property, such as communication, environment, energy or transport infrastructure, social infrastructure, including retirement homes or hospitals, as well as infrastructure for education, health and welfare support or industrial facilities, installations, and other assets, including intellectual property, vessels, equipment, machinery, aircraft or rolling stock
- ✓ Investments in commercial property, in facilities or installations for education, counselling, research, development, including infrastructure and other assets that give rise to economic or social benefit, sports, or in housing, including in senior residents or social housing
- √ investments in water rights, forest rights, building rights and mineral rights

#### Does not comprise:

Works of art, manuscripts, wine stocks, jewellery or other assets, which do not in themselves represent long-term investments in the real economy

### 9.5. Use of intermediary vehicles

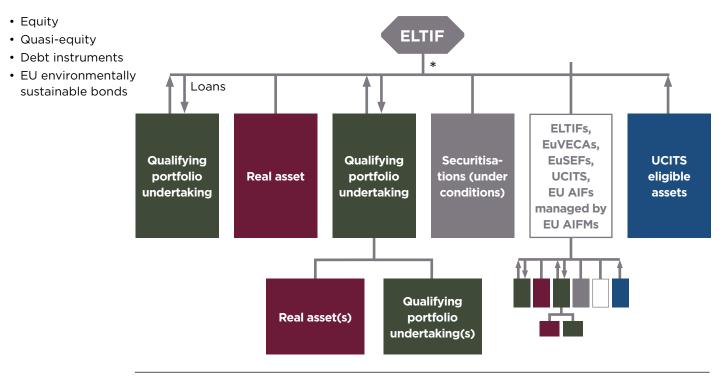
Investments by the ELTIF can be structured through the use of intermediary vehicles, including:

- SPVs;
- securitisation or aggregator vehicles; and
- · holding companies

Possibility of minority co-investment in investment opportunities

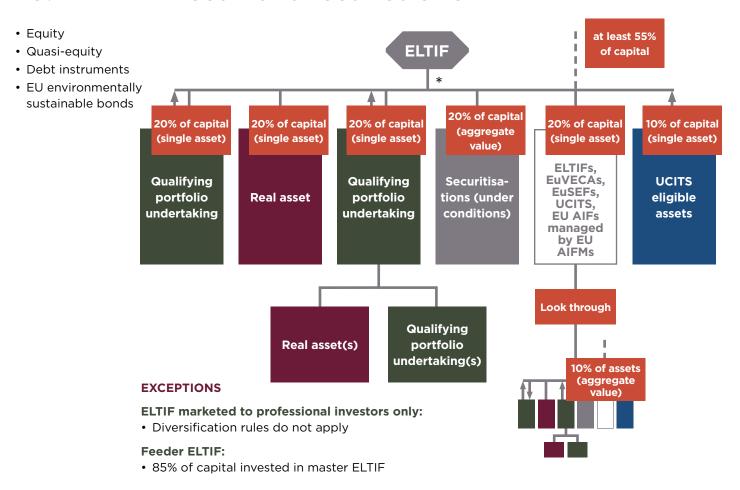


### 9.6. ELTIF eligible assets – Summary



<sup>\*</sup>Possibility to invest via intermediary vehicles

#### 10. ELTIF investment restrictions

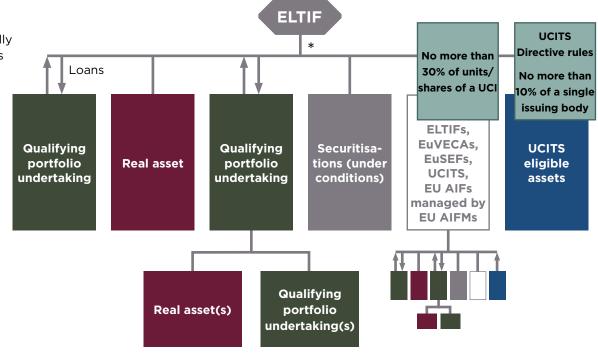


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#### 11. ELTIF concentration limits

- Equity
- · Quasi-equity
- · Debt instruments
- EU environmentally sustainable bonds



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### 12. ELTIF borrowing restrictions

Conditions applicable to borrowing arrangements that are <u>not</u> covered by investors' capital commitments:

- ✓ Intention to borrow, borrowing limit and starting date (no later than 3 years after start of marketing) must be indicated in the prospectus
- ✓ No more than 50% of the NAV if ELTIF marketed to retail investors
- √ No more than 100% of the NAV if ELTIF marketed to professionals only
- √ Those limits of 50%/100% may be suspended for max. 12 months when ELTIF raises or reduces its capital
- ✓ If contracted in currency different than assets to be acquired, exposure must be appropriately hedged
- ✓ Maturity does not exceed the life of the ELTIF

#### 13. Taxation

- · Taxation of an ELTIF depends on its legal form and applicable product law
- If Part II UCI, SIF or RAIF: exemption of annual subscription tax for ELTIFs

# 14. Typical structuring of Luxembourg ELTIFs (in a nutshell)

	RAIF	SIF	UCI Part II	Partnership (not regulated or subject to product law)
Additional investor eligibility requirements	Yes, well-informed investors only	Yes, well-informed investors only	NO	NO
Contractual form possible (common fund)	YES	YES	YES	N/A, but partnership form is also very flexible
Umbrella possible (compartments)	YES	YES	YES	NO
Authorisation and supervision (on top of ELTIF process)	NO	YES	YES	NO

### 15. Timeline of the new ELTIF regime

Adoption 15 March 2023 Entry into force 9 April 2023

**RTS** 

- Final ELTIF RTS published in the OJEU on 25 October 2024
- · Determining life of ELTIF
- Features of redemption policy
- Conditions for matching transfer requests
- Cost disclosure

#### **Application date 10 January 2024**

- ELTIF authorization under ELTIF 2
- ELTIF authorized before can choose to opt into the new regime by a notification to the CSSF

#### Grandfathering

- ELTIF under old regime (raising additional capital) must comply with ELTIF 2 by 11 January 2029
- ELTIF under old regime that do not raise additional capital are deemed to comply with ELTIF 2

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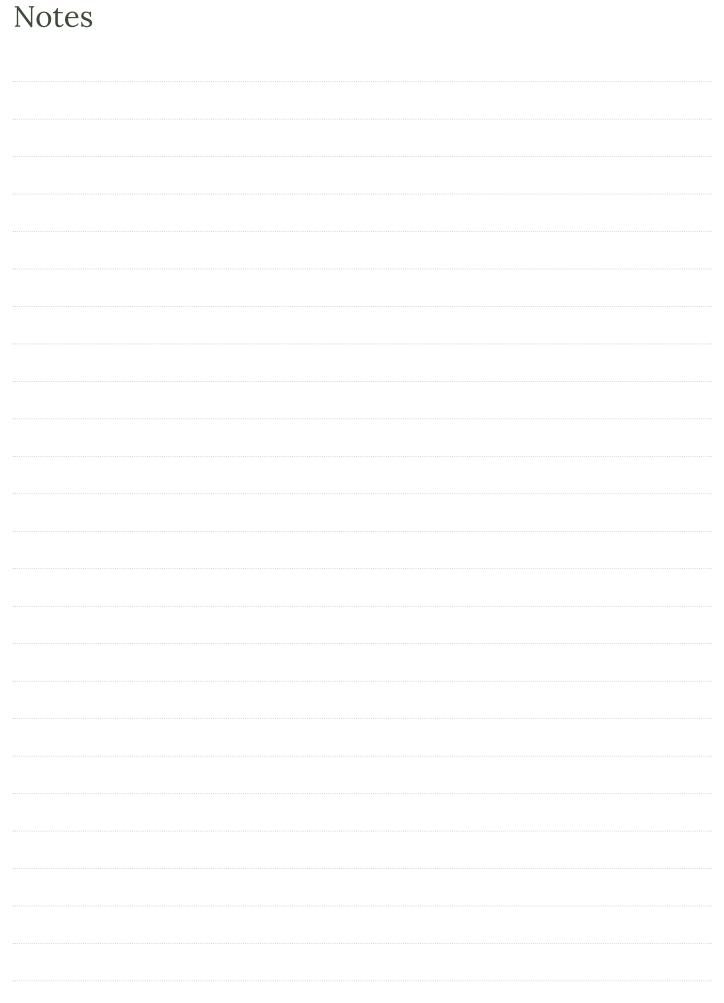
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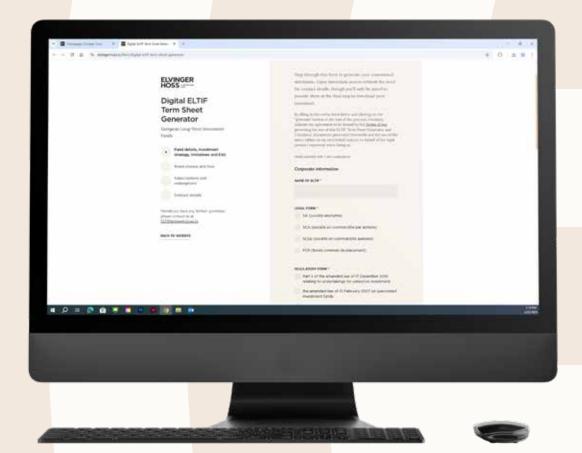


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# The Elvinger Hoss Digital ELTIF Term Sheet Generator & Calculator

In order to assist managers with the first steps of an ELTIF project, Elvinger Hoss Prussen now provides a web-based tool that allows the automatic generation of a first term sheet for an evergreen ELTIF. The generated term sheet may then be used by managers to further conceptualise the project.

The tool calculates, in particular, the redemption limits that will apply to the ELTIF based on set criteria, which facilitates for instance the conversion of a limit applying to the liquidity pocket back into the global NAV of the fund. The tool is accessible via the QR code on the right or on our website at www.elvingerhoss.lu.



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