

# Footprint of Luxembourg UCITS

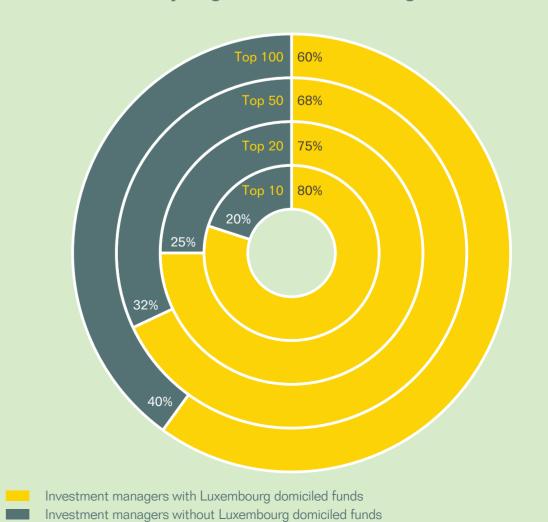
The chart displays the volume of assets under management distributed in the respective market as at December 2015. The chart illustrates the distribution of Luxembourg UCITS, other foreign and domestic open-ended funds on selected markets.

Luxembourg UCITS footprint in terms of AuM among foreign funds distributed globally, increased from 59% to 62% between January 2013 and December 2015.

Luxembourg funds – distributed AuM of Luxembourg UCITS
Foreign funds – distributed AuM of funds domiciled in another country except Luxembourg funds
Domestic funds – distributed AuM of funds domiciled in the country

\* Bahrain, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates

### **Presence of the top largest investment managers in Luxembourg**





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The chart illustrates the sum of flows attracted by Luxembourg UCITS, other foreign and domestic open-ended funds on selected markets during the 12-month period ending December 2015.

In 2015, Luxembourg UCITS attracted 72% of the sum of flows on the selected markets.

## **Net flows - 2015**



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## Introduction and a brief history of UCITS

Since the early days, when the European Steel and Coal Community was established in 1951 in order for commodities to be sold and transported freely within European borders, European policymakers have long sought to create a seamless market for goods and services throughout the continent. After the European Union (EU) was officially created and replaced the European Economic Community following the treaty of Maastricht in 1993, financial services, and asset management in particular, have moved to the very center of widespread sweeping legislative initiatives.

With the first implementation of the Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) legislation, the entire European continent has been steadily moving toward a single market in terms of the manufacturing and distribution of asset management products.

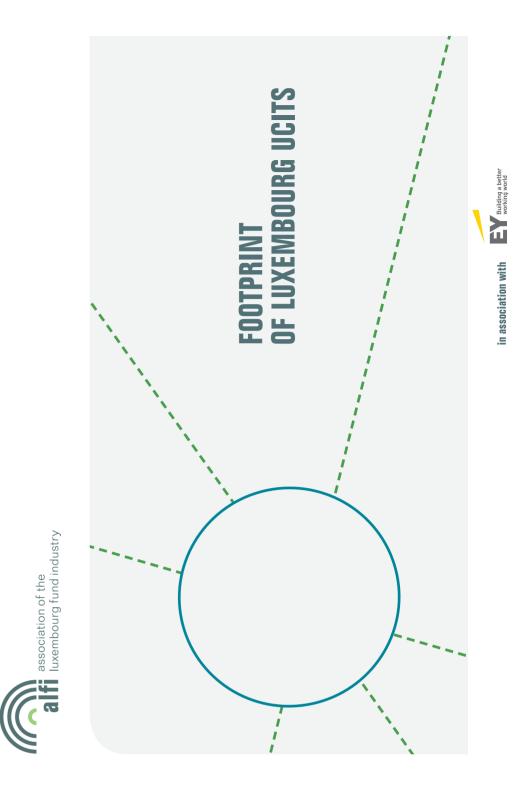
What this means for global asset management firms, especially those originally domiciled outside of Europe, is simple: the UCITS regime enables a firm to register assets and distribute into more than 70 markets. an investment product one time in one EU domiciliation and then effectively distribute that product across the entire EU, which is now the world's second largest fund market outside of the United States. Given the relentless integration and globalization of the financial services industry and ongoing regulatory restructuring of the EU distribution landscape, growth-oriented firms can readily leverage the UCITS regime to increase assets under management and widen their investor base efficiently and effectively.

UCITS are regulated investment products established and authorized under a common EU legal and regulatory framework. Once a UCITS is established and authorized by the regulatory authority in its chosen country of domicile (an EU country only), it can then be marketed and distributed to all types of investors (both retail and institutional) throughout the European Economic Area (EEA)\* via the UCITS European passport. UCITS can also be sold outside the EEA subject to each individual country's national regime. In fact, many UCITS are available for distribution in non-EU countries such as Switzerland, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Chile, Peru, Bahrain, South Africa and Japan. In short, once an investment product is duly registered under UCITS, it can be distributed to a very large proportion of the global asset management market.

Luxembourg, the first among the EU member states to adopt the UCITS directive into its legal system in 1985, has been ever since the leader in UCITS domiciliation and passporting. As at December 2015, Luxembourg UCITS manage €.8 trillion in



\* The European Economic Area includes all EU countries (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom) as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway



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