

# KEY INFORMATION DOCUMENT

## Purpose

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.



INDEPENDENT  
FRANCHISE PARTNERS™

# Franchise Partners US Equity Fund

## PRODUCT

<b>Product:</b>	Franchise Partners US Equity Fund (the "Fund"), a sub-fund of Independent Franchise Partners Variable Capital Company plc (the "Company") Class B
<b>Manufacturer name:</b>	Independent Franchise Partners, LLP
<b>Product code:</b>	IE00B68TSJ53
<b>Website:</b>	franchisepartners.com
<b>Competent Authority:</b>	This PRIIP is authorised in Ireland. Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited as the Management Company is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "CBI"). The CBI is responsible for supervising Independent Franchise Partners, LLP in relation to this Key Information Document.
<b>Domicile country:</b>	Ireland

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## WHAT IS THIS PRODUCT?

### Type:

The Fund is a type of collective investment scheme – specifically, a sub-fund of an Irish authorised UCITS investment company. Your investment will take the form of shares in the Fund.

### Term:

The Fund is open-ended and as such, this product is not subject to a fixed term or maturity date.

### Objectives:

- The Fund aims to increase the value of your investment over the long term. Independent Franchise Partners, LLP ("the Investment Manager") makes active decisions regarding the management of the Fund, meaning it actively purchases and sells securities with the aim of meeting the investment objective. While the Fund measures its performance against the Russell 1000 Value Index (the "Index"), the Fund is not constrained by reference to the Index. The Fund invests directly in shares of "franchise" companies listed on the major global stock exchanges. The Fund views a franchise company as one which has a strong and sustainable competitive position in the industry it serves. Typically, this competitive position is supported by an intangible asset (such as a brand, patent or licence), which is difficult for competitors to create or replicate. The Fund has the following guidelines: 1. It will, under normal circumstances, invest at least 80% of the Fund's net assets in shares of franchise companies in the US. These are companies who either: derive most of their revenues from the US, are listed on a US Stock exchange or have their place of business or operations in the US. Up to 20% of the Fund's net assets may be invested in franchise companies outside of the US (including emerging markets); 2. It may invest up to 10% of its net assets in cash or other cash-like investments; and 3. It may not invest more than 10% of its net assets in shares which are not listed on a stock exchange or regulated market. The Fund may engage in currency transactions to avoid over exposure to any one currency. The Fund intends to hold 20 to 40 investments. The Fund is also subject to restrictions with regard to a) the percentage of shares in any one company that it may own; b) the percentage of its net assets invested in any one industry; and c) the extent of its investment in other collective investment schemes. The Fund also promotes certain environmental and social objectives, more details of which are set out in the Annex to the Supplement of the Fund available at ifp-ta@ntrs.com.
- The Fund will typically pay a dividend on an annual basis, within the first four calendar months of the year. Investors may choose to have this dividend reinvested into the Fund or paid out. There is no guarantee that a dividend will be paid.
- As a collective investment scheme, the Fund's returns will depend entirely on the performance of the investments in its portfolio.
- The assets of the Fund are held by Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Ltd. ("the Depository"). The Fund has at least two dealing days per month and you can redeem on any dealing day.
- The Fund may be terminated by the Directors of the Company in certain circumstances set out in the Prospectus.
- Copies of the Prospectus, the Fund Supplement and the latest annual report and half-yearly report are available in English, free of charge, from Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited email: ifp-ta@ntrs.com
- The price of shares can be found at [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) (ticker: FPUSEBU).

### Intended Retail Investor:

The Fund is intended for investors (i) who do not intend to withdraw their money within 5 years; (ii) who are prepared to accept a degree of volatility; and (iii) that have the ability to bear losses in order to seek to generate higher potential returns; (iv) who have a good knowledge and experience of these products or purchase with investment advice or through a discretionary portfolio service.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS AND WHAT COULD I GET IN RETURN?



**The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly over time and if you redeem before 5 years have passed, the costs deducted may represent a higher proportion of your investment and your return.**

The Fund may invest in small and medium sized companies. This carries a higher risk than investing in large companies alone, as the share price of smaller and medium sized companies may change more frequently than those of larger companies. The shares in which the Fund invests may be denominated in a currency other than the currency of the shares of the fund or the country in which you live. Currency changes may affect the value of your investment.

The Fund may also invest in companies in emerging markets with different trading and settlement practices which may carry additional risks. Such emerging market companies may also be subject to more frequent price changes. The Fund may also undertake currency transactions in order to avoid over-exposure to any one currency. Currency exchange rates may go up or down, which may cause the value of your investment to rise or fall.

For other risks materially relevant to the product which are not taken into account in the summary risk indicator, please refer to the Fund's Supplement.

### Risk indicator

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

**We have classified this product as class 4 out of 7, which is a medium risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium level, and poor market conditions could impact the capacity of the fund to pay you.**

## Performance scenarios

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted. The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product / a suitable benchmark over the last 10 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended minimum holding period: 5 years Investment 10 000 USD			
Survival Scenarios Minimum: There is no minimum guaranteed return. You could lose some or all of your investment.		1 year	5 years (recommended holding period)
<b>Stress scenario</b>	<b>What might you get back after costs</b>	1 850 USD	<b>1 910 USD</b>
	Average return each year	- 81.51 %	- 28.18 %
<b>Unfavourable scenario</b>	<b>What might you get back after costs</b>	8 790 USD	<b>8 790 USD</b>
	Average return each year	- 12.09 %	- 2.54 %
<b>Moderate scenario</b>	<b>What might you get back after costs</b>	11 210 USD	<b>15 550 USD</b>
	Average return each year	12.06 %	9.23 %
<b>Favourable scenario</b>	<b>What might you get back after costs</b>	14 270 USD	<b>17 200 USD</b>
	Average return each year	42.72 %	11.46 %

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances.

Unfavourable: This type of scenario occurred for an investment between 09/2021 and 08/2022.

Moderate: This type of scenario occurred for an investment between 04/2013 and 03/2018.

Favourable: This type of scenario occurred for an investment between 05/2016 and 04/2021.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF INDEPENDENT FRANCHISE PARTNERS VARIABLE CAPITAL COMPANY PLC IS UNABLE TO PAY OUT?

The assets of the Fund are held in safekeeping by the Depositary. In the event of the insolvency of the Manager, the Fund's assets in the safekeeping of the Depositary will not be affected. However, in the event of the insolvency of the Depositary, or someone acting on its behalf, the Fund may suffer a financial loss and there is no compensation or guarantee scheme in place which may offset, all or any of, this loss. This risk is mitigated by the fact the Depositary is required by law and regulation to segregate its own assets from the assets of the Fund.

## WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

### Costs over Time

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods:

We have assumed:

- In the first year you would get back the amount that you invested (0% annual return). For the other holding periods we have assumed the product performs as shown in the moderate scenario.

- USD 10 000 is invested.

Investment 10 000 USD	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 5 years
<b>Total costs</b>	74 USD	<b>583 USD</b>
Annual Cost Impact*	0.74 %	0.81 %

\*This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 10.04% before costs and 9.23% after costs

### Composition of Costs

One-off costs upon entry or exit		If you exit after 1 year
<b>Entry costs</b>	Whilst the Fund does not charge an entry fee, when you or any investor moves money into the Fund, incidental costs are incurred by the Fund. These include dealing costs, stamp duties, market costs and costs associated with preserving the value of the Fund. Your contribution to these costs will be deducted at the point of your investment into the Fund and is referred to as an anti-dilution levy ("ADL"). The actual amount of the ADL will depend upon the size of the investment or withdrawal.	N/A
<b>Exit costs</b>	Whilst the Fund does not charge an exit fee, when you or any investor moves money out of the Fund, incidental costs are incurred by the Fund. These include dealing costs, market costs and costs associated with preserving the value of the Fund. Your contribution to these costs will be deducted at the point of your withdrawal from the Fund and is referred to as an anti-dilution levy ("ADL"). The actual amount of the ADL will depend upon the size of the investment or withdrawal.	N/A
<b>Ongoing costs</b>		
<b>Management fees and other administrative or operating costs</b>	0.69% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	69 USD
<b>Portfolio transaction costs</b>	0.05% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	5 USD
<b>Incidental costs taken under specific conditions</b>		
<b>Performance Fee</b>	There is no performance fee for this product.	N/A

## HOW LONG SHOULD I HOLD IT AND CAN I TAKE MY MONEY OUT EARLY?

**Recommended minimum holding period:** 5 years

Your shares can be sold and your money be accessed on any dealing day, there are usually at least two dealing days a month. Please see the Prospectus and Fund Supplement for further information. The Fund should be viewed as a medium to long-term investment and may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within a short time frame (less than 5 years). If you redeem before the recommended holding period, there may be an increased risk of lower investment returns or a loss.

## HOW CAN I COMPLAIN?

In case of any problems in the understanding, trading or handling of the product, please feel free to directly contact Independent Franchise Partners, LLP.

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Independent Franchise Partners, LLP will handle your request and provide you with feedback as soon as possible.

## OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- Alongside this document, we invite you to carefully consult the Prospectus and Fund Supplement. Copies of the Prospectus, Fund Supplement and latest annual report and half yearly reports are available in English, free of charge from Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited. Email: ifp-ta@ntrs.com
- The past performance of this product can be found here [https://api.kneip.com/v1/documentdata/permalinks/KPP\\_IE00B68TSJ53\\_en\\_IE.pdf](https://api.kneip.com/v1/documentdata/permalinks/KPP_IE00B68TSJ53_en_IE.pdf) showing performance from its launch. Please note that past performance is not indicative of future performance. It cannot provide a guarantee of returns that you will receive in the future.
- The previous scenarios document for this product can be found here: [https://api.kneip.com/v1/documentdata/permalinks/KMS\\_IE00B68TSJ53\\_en\\_IE.xlsx](https://api.kneip.com/v1/documentdata/permalinks/KMS_IE00B68TSJ53_en_IE.xlsx).