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Dear Shareholder,

**Merger of the Africa & Middle East Fund into the Africa Opportunities Fund**

The Directors of the Investec Global Strategy Fund (the "Company") would like to advise you as a Shareholder of the Africa & Middle East Fund that we have decided to merge the Africa & Middle East Fund into the Africa Opportunities Fund\*. The merger will take effect on 15 June 2012 and does not require the approval of Shareholders. Although no further action is required by Shareholders to complete the merger, we recommend that you read this letter so you are aware of the implications of the merger.

This letter and its appendices (A and B) explain the background to the merger and aims to provide you with sufficient information to enable you to make an informed judgment on the impact of the merger on your investment. Appendix B includes copies of the current Key Investor Information Documents for the Africa Opportunities Fund.

The Directors believe that the merger of the Africa & Middle East Fund with the Africa Opportunities Fund is in the interests of Shareholders. However, you should consider whether your investment continues to meet your individual needs.

**Background and Rationale for the Merger**

The Africa & Middle East Fund was launched on 10 October 2008. Since its launch, the Sub-Fund has attracted relatively low level of assets under management (approximately US\$31.1m as at 31 March 2012). The Directors anticipate that it is unlikely that the Sub-Fund will attract significant inflows in the foreseeable future.

The Directors believe that the merger will bring the following tangible benefits for you as a Shareholder of the Africa & Middle East Fund:

- i. The Africa Opportunities Fund has significantly higher assets under management (approximately US\$81.2m as at 31 March 2012) than the Africa & Middle East Fund. The merger will take the total assets of the Africa Opportunities Fund to approximately US\$112.3m. This means that, after the merger, Shareholders of the Africa & Middle East Fund will be part of a much larger Sub-Fund and hence benefit from the increased economies of scale and cost efficiencies that this entails.
- ii. The increased size of the Africa Opportunities Fund after the merger should allow the fund manager to allocate the Sub-Fund's investments more efficiently. This should result in improved performance levels and lower TERs for Shareholders over the longer term.

The merger will lead to the closure of the Africa & Middle East Fund.

\*In accordance with Article 25 of the Articles of Incorporation and Section 6.10 of the Prospectus.

For more details, a summary and timetable on the merger please refer to the attached Appendix A.

Please note that if you are a Shareholder of the Company's Middle East & North Africa Fund, this Sub-Fund will also be merging with the Africa Opportunities Fund on 15 June 2012.

**Further information**

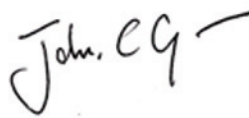
If you would like additional information regarding the merger or wish to discuss any of our funds, please contact your financial adviser in the first instance or your local Investec Asset Management office using the contact details at the beginning of this letter. For further information on our funds, visit our website, [www.investecassetmanagement.com](http://www.investecassetmanagement.com).

We thank you for your investment in the Company.

Yours faithfully,



Grant Cameron  
Director



John Green  
Director

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All defined terms in this letter shall have the same meaning as those defined terms as set out in the Company's Prospectus. Copies of the Company's Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Documents and the Articles of Incorporation may be obtained free of charge during normal office hours at the registered office of the Company in Luxembourg or via Investec Asset Management's website ([www.investecassetmanagement.com](http://www.investecassetmanagement.com)).

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the accuracy of the contents of this letter. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this letter is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

## Appendix A: Full Details of the Merger of the Africa & Middle East Fund into the Africa Opportunities Fund

We recommend that you read the current version of the Company's Prospectus before considering your investment options and prior to the merger taking place. The Prospectus contains important investor information regarding the Africa Opportunities Fund and its Investment Policy. For your convenience, we have included copies of the current Key Investor Information Document for the Africa Opportunities Fund in Appendix B to this letter.

### 1. SUMMARY OF THE MERGER

- i. The merger will be effective from 15 June 2012.
- ii. The Directors believe that the merger of the Sub-Funds is in the interests of Shareholders in the Africa & Middle East Fund. The background and rationale for the merger is set out in Section 3 of this Appendix.
- iii. You are not required to vote on the merger.
- iv. The merger will lead to the closure of the Africa & Middle East Fund.
- v. The merger will result in an investment in a Sub-Fund which varies from the existing Africa & Middle East Fund. Please refer to Section 4 of this Appendix for a detailed comparison between the Africa & Middle East Fund and the Africa Opportunities Fund.
- vi. Please refer to Section 5 of this Appendix for a description of your options in relation to the merger, including, in particular, your right to redeem or switch your investment in the Africa & Middle East Fund before the merger without any charge.
- vii. Dealing in the Africa & Middle East Fund will continue as usual until 12 June 2012. Any subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and/or transfers into or out of the Africa & Middle East Fund after this date will not be processed.
- viii. There will be no suspension of dealings in the Africa Opportunities Fund.
- ix. Shareholders of the Africa & Middle East Fund will acquire rights as Shareholders of the Africa Opportunities Fund from 15 June 2012. After the effective date of the merger, investors in the Africa & Middle East Fund will hold Shares in the Africa Opportunities Fund and may continue dealing as usual from 18 June 2012.
- x. The procedural aspects of the merger are set out in detail in Section 6 of this Appendix.
- xi. Please be aware that the merger may create tax consequences for you. You should consult your professional tax adviser about the consequences of the merger on your individual tax position.
- xii. Please refer to Appendix B of this letter for copies of the current Key Investor Information Documents for the Africa Opportunities Fund. You are encouraged to read this information before considering your investment options prior to the merger taking place.

### 2. TIMETABLE FOR MERGERS

The merger will take place in accordance with the following timetable:

Documentation sent to Shareholders	27 April 2012
Dealings close in the Africa & Middle East Fund	4.00 pm EST on 12 June 2012
End of current accounting period of the Africa & Middle East Fund	4.00 pm EST on 15 June 2012
Valuation of the Africa & Middle East Fund and the Africa Opportunities Fund	4.00 pm EST on 15 June 2012
Effective time of the merger with the Africa Opportunities Fund	4.01 pm EST on 15 June 2012

### 3. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE FOR THE MERGER

The Africa & Middle East Fund was launched on 10 October 2008. Since its launch, the Sub-Fund has attracted relatively low level of assets under management (approximately US\$31.1m as at 31 March 2012). The Directors anticipate that it is unlikely that the Sub-Fund will attract significant inflows in the foreseeable future.

The Directors believe that a merger of the Sub-Funds will bring the following tangible benefits for you as a Shareholder of the Africa & Middle East Fund:

- i. The Africa Opportunities Fund has significantly higher assets under management (approximately US\$81.2m as at 31 March 2012) than the Africa & Middle East Fund. The merger will take the total assets of the Africa Opportunities Fund to approximately US\$112.3m. This means that, after the merger, Shareholders of the Africa & Middle East Fund will be part of a much larger Sub-Fund and hence benefit from the increased economies of scale and cost efficiencies that this entails.
- ii. The increased size of the Africa Opportunities Fund after the merger should allow the fund manager to allocate the Fund's investments more efficiently. This should result in improved performance levels and lower TERs for Shareholders over the longer term.

The merger will lead to the closure of the Africa & Middle East Fund.

### 4. KEY INFORMATION REGARDING THE SUB-FUNDS

#### 4.1. Comparison of the Sub-Funds' Investment Policies

The Investment Policies of both Sub-Funds can be found below. For ease of comparison, we have highlighted the key differences between the two investment policies.

Africa & Middle East Fund	Africa Opportunities Fund
<p>The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to achieve long term total returns primarily through investment in equities of companies which are either domiciled in Africa or the Middle East, or which are established elsewhere but which carry out a significant proportion of their operations from Africa and/or the Middle East.</p> <p>At least two-thirds of the Sub-Fund's total assets will be invested in equities of companies which are either domiciled in Africa or the Middle East or which are established elsewhere but which carry out a significant proportion of their operations from Africa and/or the Middle East.</p> <p>Up to one-third of the Sub-Fund's total assets may be invested in the equities of companies domiciled or operating outside Africa and/or the Middle East, or in other transferable securities.</p> <p>The Sub-Fund may also invest in units in collective investment schemes, money market instruments, cash and deposits.</p> <p>The Sub-Fund may use derivatives for the purposes of hedging and/or efficient portfolio management.</p>	<p>The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to achieve long term total returns primarily<sup>1</sup> through investment in equities of companies which are either domiciled in Africa, or which are established elsewhere but which are expecting a meaningful or growing proportion of their business activities to be exposed to African opportunities.</p> <p>The Sub-Fund may also invest in units in collective investment schemes, money market instruments, cash and deposits.</p> <p>The Sub-Fund may use derivatives for the purposes of hedging only.</p>

<sup>1</sup> The reference to "primarily" in the Investment Policy of the Africa Opportunities Fund means that at least two-thirds of the Sub-Fund's assets will be invested in equities of companies which are either domiciled in Africa, or which are established elsewhere but which are expecting a meaningful or growing proportion of their business activities to be exposed to African opportunities.

#### 4.2. Comparison of the Sub-Funds' Geographic Allocations

Below is a comparison of the geographic allocations between the Sub-Funds as at 31 March 2012. Please note that the merger is likely to result in Shareholders' current exposure to the Middle East region being re-allocated to Africa.

	Africa & Middle East Fund	Africa Opportunities Fund
Africa	39.8%	91.5%
Middle East	37.6%	0.0%
Europe Ex UK	8.1%	2.3%
North America	0.0%	1.4%
United Kingdom	1.8%	0.9%
Australia	2.7%	0.0%
Others	0.0%	0.9%
Cash	10.0%	3.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

#### 4.3 Comparison of the Sub-Funds' Sector Allocations

The table below shows a comparison of the sector allocations between the Sub-Funds as at 31 March 2012. Based on the current portfolio holdings, the merger will result in Shareholders' current exposure to Financials, Industrials, Oil & Gas and Cash decreasing, while Shareholders' current exposure to Telecommunications, Consumer Goods, Consumer Services, Health Care and Basic Materials will increase.

	Africa & Middle East Fund	Africa Opportunities Fund
Financials	46.0%	20.2%
Industrials	16.6%	15.9%
Consumer Goods	8.5%	9.3%
Oil & Gas	7.7%	6.2%
Telecommunications	5.8%	17.0%
Health Care	2.6%	3.1%
Consumer Services	2.0%	3.2%
Basic Materials	0.8%	20.3%
Cash	10.0%	3.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

#### 4.4 Comparison of the Sub-Funds' Investment Performance

A comparison of the investment performance of the Sub-Funds over the last 18 months can be seen below.

	Performance <sup>1</sup>
	18 month return to the end of March 2012 (annualised)
Africa & Middle East Fund	-8.3%
Africa Opportunities Fund	-5.0%

<sup>1</sup>A Share USD performance sourced from Lipper, bid to bid (inclusive of all annual management fees but excluding any initial charges), gross income reinvested. Period since launch of Africa Opportunities Fund to 31 March 2012.

#### 4.5 Comparison of the Sub-Investment Managers of the Sub-Funds

Investec Asset Management (Pty) Limited has been appointed as the Sub-Investment Manager for both of the Sub-Funds.

The merger will not result in a change of the fund manager responsible for the Africa Opportunities Fund.

#### 4.6 Comparison of the Rights of Shareholders in the Sub-Funds

All Share Classes of the Africa & Middle East Fund will be merged into the corresponding Share Classes of the Africa Opportunities Fund with the same currency denomination.

All Shareholders in the Africa & Middle East Fund at the effective date will receive Shares in the Africa Opportunities Fund to the equivalent value of those Shares that they hold in the Africa & Middle East Fund on 15 June 2012.

Shareholders of the Africa & Middle East Fund will acquire rights as Shareholders of the Africa Opportunities Fund from 15 June 2012.

#### 4.7 Comparison of the Sub-Funds' Specific Risk Factors

Set out below, as identified in the Company's Prospectus, are the specific risk factors identified for the Africa & Middle East Fund and the Africa Opportunities Fund. The Sub-Funds currently have identical specific risk factors identified as being relevant in Appendix 1 to the Company's Prospectus. Accordingly, after the merger, a Shareholder in the Africa Opportunities Fund will not be exposed to any additional specific risk factors than those which currently apply in respect of the Africa & Middle East Fund. However, Shareholders should nevertheless read, be aware of and consider all of the Risk Factors set out in Appendix 2 to the Company's Prospectus.

Africa & Middle East Fund	Africa Opportunities Fund
Ability to Trade or Settle Risk	Ability to Trade or Settle Risk
Accounting Risk	Accounting Risk
Active Management Risk	Active Management Risk
Custody Risk	Custody Risk
Emerging Markets Risk	Emerging Markets Risk
Fraud Risk	Fraud Risk
Future Risk	Future Risk
Hedged Share Classes Risk	Hedged Share Classes Risk
Initial Public Offering Risk	Initial Public Offering Risk
Risk of Market Closure	Risk of Market Closure
Political Risk	Political Risk
Pricing & Dilution Risk	Pricing & Dilution Risk
Pricing & Liquidity Risk	Pricing & Liquidity Risk
Prudency Risk	Prudency Risk
Risk of Remittance Restrictions	Risk of Remittance Restrictions
Sector and Geographical Risk	Sector and Geographical Risk
Smaller Companies Risk	Smaller Companies Risk
Risk of Suspension	Risk of Suspension

#### 4.8 Comparison of the Sub-Funds' Fees and TERs

The tables below show the Fees and TERs for the Share Classes of the Sub-Funds affected by the merger.

##### Africa & Middle East Fund

Share Class	Currency <sup>1</sup>	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Administration Servicing Fee	Distribution Fee	TER <sup>2</sup>
A Acc	USD	5.26%	2.25%	0.30%	0.00%	2.99%
F Acc	USD	5.26%	2.00%	0.25%	0.75%	3.41%
I Acc	USD	5.26%	0.95%	0.15%	0.00%	1.46%
S Acc	USD	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.37%

##### Africa Opportunities Fund

Share Class	Currency <sup>1</sup>	Initial Charge	Management Fee	Administration Servicing Fee	Distribution Fee	TER <sup>2</sup>
A Acc	USD	5.26%	2.00%	0.30%	0.00%	2.59%
F Acc	USD	5.26%	1.75%	0.25%	0.75%	3.06%
I Acc	USD	5.26%	1.00%	0.15%	0.00%	1.44%
S Acc	USD	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.30%

<sup>1</sup> Share Classes are denominated in the currency shown above. The Reference Currency of the Africa & Middle East Fund and the Africa Opportunities Fund is USD.

<sup>2</sup> The TERs are as at 31 December 2011 and have been calculated in accordance with the principles set down by the EFAMA (European Fund and Asset Management Association), the pan-European umbrella organisation of the investment fund industry, to comply with the Code of Conduct for the Swiss Funds Industry. The method for calculation is total operating expenses (sum of costs and commissions but not including negative investment income) divided by the average Net Asset Value for the period. This is calculated on a Share Class basis.

The merger will not result in any change to the Fees charged in the Africa Opportunities Fund.

No Initial Charge will be applied to the allocation of Shares in the Africa Opportunities Fund as a result of the merger.

You should also note that the merger will result in an increase in the assets of the Africa Opportunities Fund.

Over time, economies of scale should lead to a reduction in the Sub-Fund's TERs.

#### 4.9 Performance Fees

Neither the Africa & Middle East Fund nor the Africa Opportunities Fund currently has a Performance Fee applied to it.

It is not anticipated that a Performance Fee will be applied to the Africa Opportunities Fund after the merger.

#### 4.10 Dealing Days

Please note that while dealing in the Africa & Middle East Fund is not available on Fridays and Public holidays in the Middle East. (Post Ramadan Holiday period and the Hajj Season (Pilgrimage Holiday)).

Dealing in the Africa Opportunities Fund is, however, available on any day in which banks in both Luxembourg and the United Kingdom are open for normal banking business, with the exception of 24 December each year.

#### 4.11 Rebalancing of the Africa & Middle East Fund's Portfolio Before the Merger

In order to facilitate the operational aspects of the merger, the Africa & Middle East Fund's portfolio may be rebalanced to achieve a higher allocation to cash and money market instruments in the period leading up to the effective date.

To the extent that a rebalancing is undertaken, it is anticipated that the cost of this will be negligible.

#### 4.12 Impact of the Merger on the Africa Opportunities Fund's Portfolio

The merger will not have a material impact on the Africa Opportunities Fund's portfolio.

No rebalancing of the Africa Opportunities Fund's portfolio will be undertaken either before or after the effective date.

#### 4.13 Costs of the Merger

The administrative costs and expenses of the merger are expected to be approximately US\$35,000. These costs, together with any transaction costs, will be borne by the Africa & Middle East Fund.

It is anticipated that the transaction costs of the merger are likely to be between 1.4% and 1.7% of the net asset value of the Africa & Middle East Fund.

Initial set up costs for the Africa Opportunities Fund have already been amortised and therefore none of these have been included in the merger cost.

### 5. SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS IN RELATION TO THE MERGER

#### 5.1 Accrued Income in the Sub-Funds Before the Merger

Any accrued income in the Sub-Funds will be allocated to capital before the effective date of the merger.

#### 5.2 Merger Report

The Company's statutory auditor, KPMG Audit S.á r.l., will prepare two auditor's reports in respect of the merger (the "Merger Reports"). The Merger Reports will, together, include a validation of the following items:

- i. the criteria adopted for valuation of the assets and/or liabilities for the purposes of calculating the merger ratio;
- ii. any cash payment to be distributed to Shareholders;
- iii. the calculation method for determining the merger ratio; and
- iv. the merger ratio

A copy of the Merger Reports will be available on request and free of charge to Shareholders of the Sub-Funds. Please contact your local Investec Asset Management office to request a copy of the Merger Reports.

#### 5.3 Right to Redeem or Switch Without Charge

If you are uncertain as to whether the merger will suit your investment requirements you have until 12 June 2012 to switch your investment into an alternate Sub-Fund within the Investec range of funds or to redeem your investment. Neither the Company nor Investec Asset Management will make any charges for any such redemption or switch<sup>1</sup>. You can do this by contacting either your usual financial adviser or your local Investec Asset Management office as detailed at the beginning of this letter.

<sup>1</sup>Other than a dilution levy which may be applicable to any switch into the Multi-Asset Protector Fund (USD).

## 6 PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF THE MERGER

### 6.1 Effective Date of the Merger

The effective date of the merger will be 15 June 2012.

### 6.2 No Shareholder Vote Required

Please note that under the terms of the Company's Articles of Incorporation, no Shareholder vote is required in order to carry out the merger.

### 6.3 Dealing in the Africa & Middle East Fund

Dealing in the Africa & Middle East Fund will continue as usual, however any subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and/or transfers into or out of the Africa & Middle East Fund will not be processed after 12 June 2012. This will allow our administrators to implement the procedures needed for the merger in an orderly and timely manner.

There will be no suspension of dealings in the Africa Opportunities Fund.

Shareholders of the Africa & Middle East Fund will acquire rights as Shareholders of the Africa Opportunities Fund from 15 June 2012. After the merger, investors will hold Shares in the Africa Opportunities Fund and may continue dealing as usual from 18 June 2012.

Please refer to Section 2 above for a detailed timetable of the merger procedure.

### 6.4 Confirmation of Merger

Each Shareholder in the Africa & Middle East Fund will receive a notification confirming (i) that the merger has been carried out and (ii) the number of Shares in the Africa Opportunities Fund that they hold after the merger is completed.

This confirmation is expected to be sent to Shareholders no later than 29 June 2012.

### 6.5 ISIN Codes

Please note that the ISIN codes of your Shares in the Africa & Middle East Fund will change as a result of this merger. Details of these codes are given below.

SHARE CLASS CURRENTLY HELD Africa & Middle East Fund			SHARE CLASS TO BE HELD AFTER MERGER Africa Opportunities Fund		
Share Class	Currency	ISIN Code	Share Class	Currency	ISIN Code
A Acc	USD	LU0375259107	A Acc	USD	LU0518403992
F Acc	USD	LU0375259446	F Acc	USD	LU0526815377
I Acc	USD	LU0440695129	I Acc	USD	LU0518405005
S Acc	USD	LU0375259958	S Acc	USD	LU0638888346

### 6.6 Existing Mandates and Instructions

Existing mandates and instructions (in respect of regular savings plans, payment of income or redemption proceeds) in relation to Shares in the Africa & Middle East Fund will be treated as continuing to apply to new Shares in the Africa Opportunities Fund. If, however, a Shareholder of the Africa & Middle East Fund is, at the date of the merger, also a Shareholder in the Africa Opportunities Fund, any mandate or instruction given in relation to Shares in the Africa Opportunities Fund will take precedence, unless you instruct us otherwise.

### 6.7 Taxation

The merger of the Africa & Middle East Fund into the Africa Opportunities Fund may create tax consequences for Shareholders. Shareholders should consult their professional advisers about the consequences of this merger on their individual tax position.

The Africa & Middle East Fund and the Africa Opportunities Fund are both out of scope of the European Union Savings Directive. As a result, the Company's Transfer Agent will not be required at the time of the merger to disclose or levy a withholding tax on any interest earned by the Africa & Middle East Fund.

Shareholders of the Africa & Middle East Fund who are UK taxpayers should be aware that an application has been made to HM Revenue & Customs for Capital Gains Tax Clearance. If this clearance is received, the merger will not have any Capital Gains Tax consequences for Shareholders resident or ordinarily resident in the UK as it will constitute a reorganisation in accordance with section 127 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992. Such Shareholders will not be treated as having disposed of their Shares in the Company. A Shareholder's holding of Shares in the Company immediately after the merger will be treated for the purposes of UK Capital Gains Tax as if it had been acquired at the same time as the Shareholder acquired the Shares held by him before the merger and for the same cost as that of his pre-merged holding.



The taxation implications of the merger may vary depending upon the individual circumstances of a Shareholder. All references to taxation relate to current UK law and current HM Revenue & Customs practice which are subject to change. A non-UK resident Shareholder may be subject to foreign taxation on any Capital Gains arising from the merger under the local law to which the Shareholder is subject.

#### **7 KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION DOCUMENTS FOR THE AFRICA OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

Please refer to Appendix B of this letter for copies of the current Key Investor Information Documents for the Africa Opportunities Fund.

Please be aware that the Investment Policy of the Africa Opportunities Fund has not been amended for the purpose of the merger.

The Directors believe that the merger of the Africa & Middle East Fund with the Africa Opportunities Fund is in the interests of Shareholders. However, Shareholders should consider whether the merger meets their individual needs. The merger will result in an investment in a fund which is different from the existing Africa & Middle East Fund.

**Appendix B: Key Investor Information Documents for the Africa Opportunities Fund (please see attached)**