# **GOLDMAN SACHS FUNDS III**

Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable Registered office: 80, route d'Esch – L-1470 Luxembourg R.C.S. Luxembourg – B 44.873 (the **"Company**")

### **NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**

Dear Shareholders,

The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board of Directors**") hereby informs the shareholders of the sub-funds below that they have decided to merge the two Sub-Funds (the "**Merger**"), as follows:

Merging Sub-Fund	Receiving Sub-Fund		
Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate		
Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity	Equity (Former NN)		

The Merger will become effective at the date of the merger, which date will be 8 December 2023 ("the Effective Date").

As a matter of business rationalization, and in accordance with the provisions of article 26 of the Articles, chapter XV of the Prospectus and article 1(20)(a) of the Law of 2010, the Board of Directors believes that the Merger is in the interest of the shareholders of the Merging Sub-Fund and Receiving Sub-Fund as the Merger will support (i) the overall product streamlining policy of Goldman Sachs Asset Management pertaining to its worldwide distribution of investment funds and (ii) enlargement from European to Global investment universe is expected to be more advantageous to the shareholders in the long term from a financial perspective. The Merger will also help to achieve an optimization of assets under management creating economies of scale and allowing for more efficient use of fund management resources which will be beneficial for the shareholders.

A detailed comparison of the Merging Sub-Fund and of the Receiving Sub-Fund is shown in Appendix I. Please read the Key Information Documents relating to the relevant share-classes of the Receiving Sub-Fund, which are available upon request free of charge at the registered office of the Company.

#### MERGER PROCESS

A rebalancing of the portfolio of the Merging Sub-Fund will be undertaken before the Merger takes effect due to the differences in the "Investment Objective and Policy" of the Receiving Sub-Fund, to ease the Merger process where appropriate.

On the Effective Date, the Merging Sub-Fund will transfer all its assets and liabilities to the Receiving Sub-Fund. As a result, the Merging Sub-Fund will be dissolved as of the Effective Date, hence, the Merging Sub-Fund will cease to exist without going into liquidation. There is no intention to amend the current investment objective and policy of the Receiving Sub-Fund as a result of the Merger. However, as indicated in Appendix I, the current IOP of the Receiving Sub-Fund will slightly be amended as from 6 November 2023.

In exchange for shares of the Merging Sub-Fund, shareholders will receive a number of shares of the corresponding share-class of the Receiving Sub-Fund equal to the number of shares held in the relevant share-class of the Merging Sub-Fund multiplied by the relevant exchange ratio.

The auditor of the Company will issue an auditor report validating the conditions foreseen in Article 71 (1), items a) to c) of the Law of 2010 for the purpose of the Merger, which will be available free of charge at the registered office of the Company.

#### **IMPACT OF THE MERGER**

The legal, advisory and administrative costs associated with the preparation and the completion of the Merger, will be fully borne by the management company of the Company (Goldman Sachs Asset Management B.V.) and will not impact the Merging Sub-Fund or the Receiving Sub-Fund, as per Article 74 of the Law of 2010. Other costs incurred in the Merger, such as transaction costs associated with the transfer of assets, will be supported by the Merging Sub-Fund. With effect from close of business on the Effective Date, all receivables and payables are deemed to be received or be payable by the Receiving Sub-Fund. The Merging Sub-Fund has no outstanding set-up costs.

There will be no material impact of the Merger on the shareholders of the Receiving Sub-Fund. However, as in any merger operation, possible dilution in performance may arise. Furthermore, the Merger shall not affect the management of the Receiving sub-fund's portfolio.

Appendix II provides the overview of all share-classes in scope of the Merger and by which share-classes of the Receiving Sub-Fund these will be absorbed. The eligibility of existing investors to invest in those share-classes will not be impacted by the Merger.

Please be aware that the Merger may have an impact on a shareholder's personal tax position. Shareholders are advised to contact their personal tax advisor to assess the potential tax impact of the Merger.

Shareholders of the Merging Sub-Fund and Receiving Sub-Fund who do not agree with the Merger are authorized – *upon written request to be delivered to the Company or the registrar and transfer agent of the Company* – to redeem their shares free of any redemption fees or charges starting as from the date of publication of this notice, for a period of at least 30 calendar days, and ending five (5) business days before the Effective Date, i.e. until 30 November 2023. New subscriptions, conversions and redemptions into the Merging Sub-Fund shall be suspended as of 15:30 (Central European Time) on the 30 November 2023 ("the **Cut-Off time**"). The Merger will have no impact on subscriptions, conversions and redemptions.

Shareholders of the Merging Sub-Fund that have not requested redemptions before the Cut-Off time will have their shares merged into shares of the Receiving Sub-Fund.

Shareholders should refer to the Prospectus of the Company and more particularly to the Receiving Sub-Fund for detailed information regarding the requirements for subscription and redemption in relation to the Receiving Sub-Fund following the Merger.

The following documents are made available free of charge to the shareholders at the registered office of the Company:

- the common terms of Merger;
- the latest version of the Prospectus of the Company;
- the latest version of the Key Information Documents of the share-classes of the Receiving Sub-Fund;
- the latest audited financial statements of the Company;
- the report prepared by the independent auditor appointed by the Company to validate the conditions foreseen in Article 71 (1), items (a) to (c) of the Law of 2010 in relation to the Merger; and
- the certificate related to the Merger issued by the depositary of the Company in compliance with Article 70 of the Law of 2010.

The changes as a result of the Merger will be reflected in the next version of the Prospectus following the Effective Date of the Merger. The Prospectus will be available upon request free of charge at the registered office of the Company.

More information can be requested at the registered office of the Management Company.

Luxembourg, 17 October 2023

The Board of Directors



### **APPENDIX I**

	Merging Sub-Fund	Receiving Sub-Fund		
Name	Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN)		
Typical investor profile	Dynamic	Dynamic		
Fund type	Investments in equities.	Investments in equities.		
Investment objective and policy	The Sub-Fund essentially invests (minimum 2/3) in a diversified portfolio of equities and/or other Transferable Securities (warrants on Transferable Securities – up to a maximum of 10% of the Sub-Fund's net assets – and convertible bonds) issued by companies established, listed or traded in any European country and operating in the real estate sector. The portfolio is well diversified across countries. The Sub-Fund uses active management to target companies that score well according to our systematic investment process, with deviation limits maintained relative to the Index. Measured over a period of several years this Sub-Fund aims to beat the performance of the Index as listed in the Appendix II of the Company's Prospectus. The Index is a broad representation of the Sub-Fund's investment universe. The Sub- Fund may also include investments into securities that are not part of the Index universe. The Sub-Fund's stock selection process is driven by the analysis of fundamental and behavioural data and includes the integration of ESG factors. The Sub-Fund may invest a maximum of 25% of its net assets in equities and other participation rights traded on the Russian market – the "Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange – Russian Trade System" (MICEX-RTS). The Sub-Fund may also invest, on an ancillary basis, in other Transferable Securities (including warrants on Transferable Securities (including warrants on Transferable Securities up to 10% of the sub-Fund's net assets). Money Market Instruments, units of UCIS and other UCIs and deposits as described in Part III of this prospectus. However, investments in UCITS and UCIS may not exceed a total of 10% of the net assets. Where the Sub-Fund invests in warrants on Transferable Securities, net han if the Sub-Fund may hold bank deposits at sight, such as cash held in current accounts with a bank accessible at any time. Such holdings may not exceed 20% of the Sub-Fund's net assets under normal market conditions. With a view to achieving the investment objectives, the Sub-Fund	The Sub-Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of equities and/or other Transferable Securities (warrants on Transferable Securities – up to a maximum of 10% of the Sub-Fund's net assets – and convertible bonds) issued by companies established, listed or traded in any country worldwide and operating in the real estate sector. The Investment Manager will select companies whose main revenue or activity is linked to property, real estate management and/ or development. The portfolio is diversified across countries. The Sub-Fund uses active management to target companies that score well according to our systematic <sup>1</sup> investment process, with deviation limits maintained relative to the Index. Its investments will therefore materially deviate from the Index. Measured over a period of several years this Sub-Fund aims to beat the performance of the Index as listed in the Appendix II of the Company's Prospectus. The Index is a broad representation of the Sub-Fund's investment universe. The Sub-Fund may also include investments into securities that are not part of the Index universe. The Sub-Fund's stock selection process is driven by the analysis of fundamental and behavioural <sup>2</sup> data and includes the integration <sup>3</sup> of ESG factors. The Sub-Fund may also invest, on an ancillary basis, in other Transferable Securities up to 10% of the Sub-Fund's net assets), Money Market Instruments, units of UCITs and other UCIs and deposits as described in Part III of the prospectus. However, investments in UCITS and UCIs may not exceed a total of 10% of the net assets. Where the Sub-Fund invests in warrants on Transferable Securities, note that the Net Asset Value may fluctuate more than if the Sub-Fund's net assets under normal market conditions. Cash equivalents such as deposits, Money Market Instruments and money market funds may be used for cash management purposes and in case of unfavourable market conditions. With a view to achieving the investment objectives, the Sub-Fund may also use derivative financial instruments including,		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As from 6 November 2023, the word "systematic" will be replaced by the word "fundamental".

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  As from 6 November 2023, the words "and behavioural" will be deleted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As from 6 November 2023, the word "integration" will be replaced by the word "consideration".

	performance	e swaps						
	forward currency contracts and currency options.							
	The risks linked to this use of derivative financial instruments for purposes other than hedging are described in Part III "Additional information", Chapter II: Risks linked to the investment universe: detailed description in this prospectus. The Sub-Fund adopts an active management approach by among others taking overweight and underweight positions versus the Index. Investors should be aware that the Index's investment universe is concentrated							
	and, as a resi	ult, the Sub-Fi	und is concentr	ated. This will				
				ion and return				
Use of total return swaps and any	Expected Sec.	Max. Sec.	Expected TRS (Sum	Max TRS (Sum of	Expected Sec.	Max. Sec. Lending	Expected TRS (Sum	Max TRS (Sum of
other efficient portfolio management techniques	Lending (Market value)	(Market value)	of notionals)	notionals)	Lending (Market value)	(Market value)	of notionals)	notionals)
teeninques	0-1%	10%	5%	10%	0-1%	10% <sup>4</sup>	5% <sup>5</sup>	10%
ESG characteristics	The Sub-Fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics, as described in Article 8 of the SFDR. The Sub-Fund applies Stewardship as well as the Management Company's ESG integration approach and the norms based responsible investing criteria. <sup>6</sup> More information can be found in Appendix III SFDR precontractual disclosures for article 8 and 9 SFDR Sub-Funds – Templates.			The Sub-Fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics, as described in Article 8 of the SFDR. The Sub-Fund applies Stewardship as well as the Management Company's ESG integration approach and the norms based responsible investing criteria. <sup>7</sup> More information can be found in Appendix III SFDR precontractual disclosures for article 8 and 9 SFDR Sub-Funds – Templates.				
Index	GPR 250 Europe 10/40 20% UK (NR)			GPR 250 Global 10/40 (NR) <sup>8</sup>				
Risk managementmethod and maximum level of leverage	Commitment Approach			Commitment Approach				
(sum of notionals)								
(sum of notionals) SRI	5				4			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> As from 6 November 2023, the percentage of Max. Sec. Lending (Market value) will be 15%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As from 6 November 2023, the percentage of Expected TRS (Sum of notionals) will be 0%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> As from 6 November 2023, the wording of the "ESG characteristics" section will be the following: "*The Sub-Fund promotes* environmental and/or social characteristics, as described in Article 8 of the SFDR. The Sub-Fund applies Stewardship as well as an ESG integration approach and restriction criteria regarding several activities"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> As from 6 November 2023, the wording of the "ESG characteristics" section will be the following: "*The Sub-Fund promotes* environmental and/or social characteristics, as described in Article 8 of the SFDR. The Sub-Fund applies engagement as well as restriction criteria regarding several activities"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> As from 6 November 2023, the Benchmark/Index name will be the following: "FTSE EPRA Nariet Developed Index"

Merging Share-Classes (Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity)			Receiving Share-Classes (Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN))			
Share Class	Management Ongoing Fee Charge		Share Class	Management Fee	Ongoing Charge	
Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - I Cap EUR	0.60%	0.69%	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - I Cap EUR	0.60%	0.69%	
Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - I Dis EUR	0.60%	0.69%	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - I Dis EUR	0.60%	0.69%	
Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - N Cap EUR	0.65%	0.95%	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) – N Cap EUR	0.65%	0.95%	
Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - P Cap EUR	1.50%	1.59%	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - P Cap EUR	1.50%	1.60%	
Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - P Dis EUR	1.50%	1.60%	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - P Dis EUR	1.50%	1.60%	
Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - R Cap EUR	0.75%	0.95%	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - R Cap EUR	0.75%	0.95%	
Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - R Dis EUR	0.75%	0.95%	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - R Dis EUR	0.75%	0.95%	
Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - X Cap CZK (hedged i)	2.00%	2.12%	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - X Cap CZK (hedged i)	2.00%	2.12%	
Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - X Cap EUR	2.00%	2.10%	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - X Cap EUR	2.00%	2.10%	

## APPENDIX II

# Table - absorption details

	rging Share-Classes chs Europe Real Estate Equity		Receiving Share-Classes Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former N		
ISIN	ISIN Share Class		ISIN	Share Class	
LU0191250173	Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - I Cap EUR	absorbed by	LU0250184511	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - I Cap EUR	
LU0780215942	Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - I Dis EUR	absorbed by	LU2676808848	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - I Dis EUR	
LU0953789517	Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - N Cap EUR	absorbed by	LU2676809069	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) – N Cap EUR	
LU0119205192	Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - P Cap EUR	absorbed by	LU0250172185	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - P Cap EUR	
LU0119205275	Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - P Dis EUR	absorbed by	LU0250173662	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - P Dis EUR	
LU1687285731	Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - R Cap EUR	absorbed by	LU1673807274	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - R Cap EUR	
LU1687285814	Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - R Dis EUR	absorbed by	LU1673807431	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - R Dis EUR	
LU0295013196	Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - X Cap CZK (hedged i)	absorbed by	LU2676808921	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - X Cap CZK (hedged i)	



LU0121177280	Goldman Sachs Europe Real Estate Equity - X Cap EUR	absorbed by	LU0250183208	Goldman Sachs Global Real Estate Equity (Former NN) - X Cap EUR
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