

ASSET PROTECTION INFORMATION

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This section aims to inform you about the protection of your assets under the investor protection scheme established by Title 4 of the Belgian Law of 25 October 2016 on access to the business of investment services and on the supervision of portfolio management and investment advice companies (the “Law”).

Degroof Petercam Asset Management S.A. (hereinafter “DPAM”) is legally prohibited from receiving, holding, or safekeeping financial instruments on behalf of its clients, and from accepting cash deposits from its clients. Your assets (financial instruments and cash) managed by DPAM under a mandate are deposited with other financial institutions, including its parent company, Banque Degroof Petercam S.A., or any other credit institution or investment firm of your choice.

However, pursuant to Article 96 of the Law, DPAM is required to and does adhere to an investor protection scheme that provides certain safeguards in the event of a breach of this prohibition. First, if, despite this prohibition, DPAM were to hold your financial instruments and fail to return or reimburse them, the protection scheme established by the Belgian Protection Fund for Deposits and Financial Instruments provides, under certain conditions, protection up to a limit of EUR 20,000 per client.

Second, the “cash deposit” component of the investor protection scheme set up by the Guarantee Fund provides, up to a ceiling of EUR 100,000 per client, for the reimbursement of cash deposits which have been made in good faith in ignorance of the prohibition on DPAM receiving, holding or safekeeping client cash deposits, regardless of the currency in which they are denominated, provided that these cash deposits are not already covered by the deposit protection scheme organised under the Belgian Banking Law.

You can find more information about these protection schemes at <https://fondsdegarantie.belgium.be/>.

As indicated above, the assets managed by DPAM are deposited with third-party custodians. You can obtain further information on the asset protection mechanisms for deposited assets (cash and financial instruments) directly from your custodian.