

# INVESTMENT FUND CBL Eastern European Bond Fund

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#### INVESTMENT FUND INFORMATION

Name of the Fund: CBL Eastern European Bond Fund

Type of the Fund: Investment fund Classes: -R Acc USD

ISIN: LV0000400125

-R Acc EUR (hedged) ISIN: LV0000400174

Registration date of the Fund: 20 July 2009

Number of the Fund: FL92

Investment management company name: **CBL Asset Management IPAS** 

Investment management company's registered office: Investment management company's registration number.

Number of the license for investment management

company operations:

Fund Managers:

Name of the Fund's Custodian: Citadele banka AS

Registered office of the Fund's Custodian: Registration number of the Fund's Custodian:

Investment management company's Council and Board members and their positions:

Republikas laukums 2a, Riga, LV-1010, Latvia

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Council of the investment management company:

Chairperson of the Council - Juris Jākobsons - appointed on

11.10.2010

Deputy Chairperson of the Council - Vladimirs Ivanovs - appointed on

06.11.2012

Member of the Council - Peter Meier - appointed on 30.09.2015

Board of the investment management company:

Andris Kotāns - appointed on 15.03.2013

Chairperson of the Board - Kārlis Purgailis - appointed on 08.09.2017

Board Member - Zigurds Vaikulis - appointed on 19.04.2007 Board Member - Andris Kotāns - appointed on 11.05.2015 Board Member - Lolita Sičeva - appointed on 11.05.2015

Rights and responsibilities related to investment fund management:

The Council and the Board members shall perform all duties prescribed in laws and regulations of the Republic and in the Articles of Association of the investment management company

Edgars Lao - appointed on 15.03.2013

Rights and responsibilities related to the Fund's management:

The Fund Manager shall perform all duties prescribed in laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia, in the Articles of Association of the investment management company and in the prospectus of the

Fund

Auditor: **KPMG Baltics AS** Vesetas iela 7 Riga, LV-1013

License No 55 Latvia



#### **INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY'S REPORT**

The investment fund "CBL Eastern European Bond Fund" (previously the sub-fund "CBL Eastern European Bond Fund - USD" of CBL Eastern European Fixed Income Funds) (hereinafter – the Fund) is a debt securities investment fund with two share classes: R Acc USD and R Acc EUR (hedged). The Fund manager is the investment management company CBL Asset Management, legal address Republikas laukums 2a, Riga, LV-1010, registered under No. 40003577500. The Investment Company's operating license is No. 06.03.07.098/367.

The Fund aims at achieving long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in debt instruments and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by central governments, municipalities, central banks, credit institutions and commercial companies of the Eastern European countries as well as in fixed income funds and in ETFs traded on the regulated markets of the European Economic Area member states and OECD member states, without industry limitations. The investment portfolio of the Fund is diversified to include investments in different industries and countries, thereby achieving a higher protection against volatility of the Fund's asset value versus investments in a single industry or country financial instruments. There were no changes to the Fund's policy during the reporting period.

During the first half of 2020, the amount of Fund's net assets increased by 39.16% (EUR 19,711,920), amounting to EUR 50,343,273. As at 30.06.2020, gross assets amounted to EUR 50,884,001. Return and value are being calculated for each investment class separately. The share value of the "CBL Eastern European Bond Fund" R Acc USD share class during the reporting period decreased by EUR 0.53 and at the end of the period it amounted to EUR 23.19; the share value of the "CBL Eastern European Bond Fund" R Acc EUR (hedged) share class during the reporting period decreased by EUR 0.7 and at the end of the period amounted to EUR 18.53. The R Acc USD share class's total return in the first half of 2020 was 2.23% in terms of euro, according to the ECB's rates, and -2.55% in terms of its base currency (USD) and market exchange rates. The R Acc EUR (hedged) share class's total return in the first half of 2020 was -3.64% in terms of euro.

2020 has so far been very unusual in many areas, including financial markets. At the beginning of the year, markets continued the positive dynamics of 2019, thanks to improved US-China relations. However, already in the second half of February financial markets fell sharply due to the COVID-19 outbreak, as the epicenter initially moved from China to Europe and later to the US, and government countermeasures made their impact on the real economy. Owing to unprecedented global monetary and fiscal support, financial markets have been able to reduce losses at a record pace since the end of March. An almost identical scenario was observed also in the Eastern European bond markets, where the market low was 12% below the level at the beginning of the year, but the market recovery was very rapid and losses were recovered by the end of the reporting period.

Russian debt market was the largest positive contributor to the Fund's performance, where gold mining companies performed well due to the rise in the price of the precious metal. This was followed by investments in Ukraine, which finally reached an agreement with the IMF on a USD 5 billion loan. During the reporting period, we made first-time investments in Serbian government Eurobonds thanks to attractive valuations, while fully exited from positions in Hungary and Uzbekistan. In addition, we significantly increased our investments in the Czech debt market from 6.95% to 11.61% of net assets, which at the end of the reporting period became the second largest country in the Fund. At the end of the reporting period, debt securities in the Fund were diversified among 19 countries. At the end of the reporting period, the Fund's average yield was 5.6% in USD, average duration 3.6 and average credit rating was Ba2 / BB.

In the reporting period, the total management costs amounted to EUR 302,000. The investment management company fee amounted to EUR 264,152, custodian fee - EUR 31,698, other management expenses - EUR 6,150.

During the period between the last day of the reporting year and the date of the approval of the annual report there have been no significant events that have material effect on the Fund's financial position and the interpretation of its results.

The management team of IPAS "CBL Asset Management" closely follows developments both locally and globally: in terms of sustainability of economic growth, monetary and fiscal policies of leading economies, as well as potential inflationary and political risks, as they have a substantial impact on the dynamics of Eastern European region's economy and capital market. Selective instrument selection, regardless of the sector and the country will continue to be a decisive factor in the Fund's investment process.

For the Board of IPAS:	
Kārlis Purgailis Chairperson of the Board	
Andris Kotāns Fund Manager	Edgars Lao Fund Manager

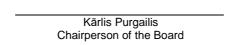


#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Notes	30.06.2020.	31.12.2019.
Assets		·	<del>-</del>
Due on demand from credit institutions  Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:	2	3,057,809	1,406,272
Debt instruments	3	47,165,716	29,228,408
Derivative financial instruments	4	660,476	139,196
Total assets		50,884,001	30,773,876
Liabilities			
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:			
Derivative financial instruments	4	(464,462)	(92,264)
Accrued expenses		(76,266)	(50,259)
Total liabilities		(540,728)	(142,523)
Net assets		50,343,273	30,631,353

The accompanying notes on pages 8 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

For the Board of IPAS:





## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

	01.01.2020 30.06,2020.	01.01.2019 30.06.2019.
Income for the reporting period		
Interest income	805,172	723,627
Other income	3,000	
Total income	808,172	723,627
Expenses for the reporting period		
Remuniration to investment management company	(264,152)	(211,476)
Custodian Fee	(31,698)	(25,377)
Other Fund management expenses	(6,150)	(6,256)
Total expenses	(302,000)	(243,109)
(Decrease)/ increase in investment value		
Realized (decrease)/ increase in investment value	(159,487)	208,192
Unrealized (decrease)/ increase in investment value	(981,252)	785,754
Total (decrease)/ increase in investments	(1,140,739)	993,946
(Decrease)/ increase in net assets from investments	(634,567)	1,474,464

The accompanying notes on pages 8 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

For the Board of IPAS:

Kārlis Purgailis Chairperson of the Board



#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

"CBL Eastern European Bond Fund"	01.01.2020 30.06.2020.	01.01.2019 30.06.2019.
Net assets at the beginning of the reporting period	30,631,353	28,784,829
(Decrease)/ increase in net assets from investment	(634,567)	1,474,464
Transactions with share certificates		
Inflow from subscription of share certificates	22,009,830	1,520,282
(Outflow) from redemption of share certificates	(1,663,343)	(2,851,132)
Increase/ (devrease) in net assets from transactions with share certificates	20,346,487	(1,330,850)
Increase in net assets in the reporting period	19,711,920	143,614
Net assets as at the end of the reporting period	50,343,273	28,928,443
"CBL Eastern European Bond Fund" Class R Acc USD	01.01.2020	01.01.2019
ISIN: LV0000400968	30.06.2020.	30.06.2019.
Number of share certificates issued as at the beginning of the reporting period	300,343	356,182
Number of share certificates issued as at the end of the reporting perio		
d	288,457	295,486
Net assets per share certificate as at the beginning of the reporting period	23.72	21.15
Net assets pershare certificate as at the end of the reporting period	23.19	22.65
"CBL Eastern European Bond Fund" Class R Acc EUR (hedged)	01.01.2020	01.01.2019
<u>ISIN: LV0000400828</u>	30.06.2020.	30.06.2019.
Number of share certificates issued as at the beginning of the reporting period	1,222,126	1,180,217
Number of share certificates issued as at the end of the reporting period	2,355,553	1,178,714
Net assets per share certificate as at the beginning of the reporting period	19.23	18.01
Net assets pershare certificate as at the end of the reporting period	18.53	18.87

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For the Board of IPAS:

Kārlis Purgailis Chairperson of the Board



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NOTE 1 DUE ON DEMAND FROM CREDIT INSTITUTIONS

		% from net assets as at		% from net assets as at
	30.06.2020.	30.06.2020.	31.12.2019.	31.12.2019.
Due on demand from credit institutions, AS Citadele banka	3,057,809	6.07%	1,406,272	4.59%
Total demand deposits with credit institutions	3,057,809	6.07%	1,406,272	4.59%

#### NOTE 2 DEBT INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER FIXED INCOME SECURITIES

All debt instruments and other fixed income instruments are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. All fixed income securities held by the fund are traded on regulated markets, except for not traded on regulated markets the fixed income securities worth EUR 1,888,664. The following table presents the debt instruments distribution of by the issuer's country of origin:

, ,			Nominal	Acquisition value	Carrying value (EUR)	% of the Fund's net assets
Financial instrument	ISIN code	Currency	amount	(EUR)	30.06.2020.	30.06.2020.
Financial instruments traded on regulate	ed markets:			<u>45,259,283</u>	<u>45,277,052</u>	<u>89.93%</u>
Debt instruments of Russian issuers:				6,105,731	6,450,609	12.81%
Rusal Capital 4.85% 02/2023	XS1759468967	USD	1,700,000	1,456,857	1,557,028	3.09%
Petropavlovsk Ltd 8.125% 11/2022	XS1711554102	USD	1,600,000	1,373,198	1,502,257	2.98%
Karlou BV 7.75% 06/2024	XS2008618501	USD	1,500,000	1,366,485	1,378,148	2.74%
NLMK 4.5% 06/2023	XS1405775617	USD	1,400,000	1,230,687	1,327,368	2.64%
Novolipetsk Steel Via Steel Funding DAC	VC404040E007	LICD	700 000	670 504	COE 000	4.000/
4.7% 05/2026	XS1843435337	USD	700,000	678,504	685,808	1.36%
Debt instruments of Czech Republic issu CEZ AS 3.0% 06/2028	XS0940293763	ELID	2 000 000	5,851,019	5,840,301	<b>11.61%</b> 4.58%
EP Infrastructure AS 1.698% 07/2026	XS2034622048	EUR EUR	2,000,000 1,800,000	2,307,045 1,791,837	2,303,731 1,800,034	3.58%
PPF Telecom Group BV 3.5% 05/2024	XS2176872849	EUR	1,700,000	1,752,137	1,736,536	3.45%
·	A32170072049	EUK	1,700,000			
Debt instruments of Ukraine issuers:	\/ <b>0</b> 0050700704	E. 15	4 000 000	4,781,020	4,588,835	9.11%
Metinvest BV 5.625% 06/2025	XS2056722734	EUR	1,900,000	1,673,411	1,711,326	3.40%
Ukraine 6.75% 06/2026	XS2015264778	EUR	1,200,000	1,320,340	1,219,031	2.42%
Dtek Renewables Finance BV 8.5%	VC0000000040	ELID	4 050 000	4 000 050	4 007 007	0.400/
11/2024	XS2069980246	EUR	1,250,000	1,223,853	1,087,097	2.16%
Kernel Holding 8.75% 01/2022  Debt instruments of Lithuania issuers:	XS1533923238	USD	600,000	563,416	571,381	1.13% <b>7.29%</b>
Maxima Grupe UAB 3.25% 09/2023	XS1878323499	EUR	1,700,000	<b>3,549,453</b> 1,720,216	<b>3,671,397</b> 1,747,532	3.47%
Ignitis Grupe UAB 2% 05/2030	XS2177349912	EUR	1,700,000	1,184,782	1,747,532	2.43%
AUGA group AB 6.00% 12/2024	LT0000404238	EUR	700000	644,455	701,867	1.39%
Debt instruments of Turkey issuers:	L10000404230	LUIX	700000	3,358,646	3,529,415	7.00%
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Arcelik 5% 04/2023 Turk Telekomunikasyon AS 4.875%	XS0910932788	USD	2,000,000	1,727,524	1,784,896	3.54%
06/2024	XS1028951264	USD	1,000,000	780,215	881,612	1.75%
Turk Telekomunikasyon AS 6.875%			, ,	•	•	
02/2025	XS1955059420	USD	900,000	850,907	862,907	1.71%
Debt instruments of Kazakhstan issuers	:			3,245,370	3,388,155	6.73%
KazTransGas JSC 4.375% 09/2027	XS1682544157	USD	1,774,000	1,547,665	1,718,748	3.41%
Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan JSC						
5.5% 12/2022	XS0867478124	USD	1,831,562	1,697,705	1,669,407	3.32%
Debt instruments of Poland issuers:				2,658,811	2,676,382	5.31%
Tauron Polska Energia SA 2.375%						
05/07/2027	XS1577960203	EUR	1,500,000	1,525,374	1,536,608	3.05%
PKO Bank 4.63% 09/2022	XS0783934085	USD	1,200,000	1,133,437	1,139,774	2.26%
Debt instruments issued by Georgia inst				2,094,977	2,054,113	4.08%
BGEO Group JSC 6% 07/2023	XS1405775880	USD	1,295,000	1,181,917	1,152,613	2.29%
Georgian Oil and Gas Corp JSC 6.75%						
04/2021	XS1319820384	USD	1,000,000	913,060	901,500	1.79%
Debt instruments of Serbia issuers:				1,740,590	1,731,342	3.44%
Serbia International Bond 3.125%	V00470400000	ELID	4 050 000	4 740 500	4 704 040	0.440/
05/2027	XS2170186923	EUR	1,650,000	1,740,590	1,731,342	3.44%
Debt instruments of Romania issuers:				1,608,763	1,516,296	3.01%
Globalworth Real Estate Investments Ltd	VC470007E000	ELID	4 500 000	4 000 700	4 540 000	2.040/
3.0% 03/2025	XS1799975922	EUR	1,500,000	1,608,763	1,516,296	3.01%
Debt instruments of Azerbaijan issuers:				1,438,361	1,459,302	2.90%
Southern Gas Corridor CJSC 6.875% 03/2026	XS1319820897	USD	1,400,000	1,438,361	1,459,302	2.90%
Debt instruments of Belarus issuers:	A31319020091	030	1,400,000	1,449,746		2.72%
Eurotorg 8.75% 10/2022	XS1577952010	USD	1,500,000	1,449,746	<b>1,370,513</b> 1,370,513	2.72%
	A31311832010	USD	1,500,000			
Debt instruments of Moldova issuers:				1,300,442	1,337,114	2.66%
Aragvi Finance International DAC 12.0%	V04000==000=	1105	4 400 000	4 000 445	4.007.444	0.000
04/2024	XS1960552823	USD	1,400,000	1,300,442	1,337,114	2.66%



			Nominal	Acquisition value	Carrying value (EUR)	% of the Fund's net assets
Financial instrument	ISIN code	Currency	amount	(EUR)	30.06.2020.	30.06.2020.
Debt instruments of Croatian issuers:		-		1,290,711	1,256,876	2.50%
Hrvatska Elektroprivreda 5.875% 10/2022	XS1309493630	USD	1,300,000	1,290,711	1,256,876	2.50%
Debt instruments of Norway issuers:				1,237,042	1,082,276	2.15%
B2Holding ASA 6.35% 05/2024	NO0010852742	EUR	1,250,000	1,237,042	1,082,276	2.15%
Debt instruments of Estonia issuers:				1 036 840	1 029 930	2.05%
B2Holding ASA 6.35% 05/2024	NO0010852742	EUR	1,250,000	1,237,042	1,082,276	2.15%
Debt instruments of Latvia issuers:				1,022,199	961,298	1.91%
Air Baltic Corp AS 6.75% 07/2024	XS1843432821	EUR	1,100,000	1,022,199	961,298	1.91%
Debt instruments of Bulgaria issuers:				887,636	901,531	1.79%
Bulgarian Energy Holding 4.875%						
08/2021	XS1405778041	EUR	850,000	887,636	901,531	1.79%
Debt instruments of Sweden issuers:				601,926	431,367	0.86%
European Lingerie Group AB 7.75%						
02/2021	SE0010831792	EUR	600,000	601,926	431,367	0.86%
Financial instruments not traded on regu	ilated markets:			1,960,589	1,888,664	3.76%
Debt instruments of Azerbaijan issuers:	alatoa mantotoi			960.299	949.054	1.89%
Republic of Azerbaijan International Bond				000,200	0.0,00.	1100 70
5.125% 09/2029	XS1678623064	USD	1,000,000	960,299	949,054	1.89%
Debt instruments of Estonian issuers:	7.0.0.002000.	002	.,000,000	1,000,290	939,610	1.87%
Mainor Ulemiste 5.5% 04/2023	EE3300111343	EUR	600.000	600,000	543.921	1.08%
Nortal AS 4.75% 05/2024	FI4000383930	EUR	400,000	400,290	395,689	0.79%
Total debt instruments and other fixed in			.00,000	47,219,872	47,165,716	93.69%
				<u> </u>		

#### NOTE 3 DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following table presents the notional amount and fair value of currency swaps. The notional amount of foreign exchange transactions is determined in accordance with the requirements arising from these transactions.

	30	30.06.2020. % of the 31.12.2019.				of the 31.12.2019.	31.12.2019.		31.12.2019.		% of the			
	Netional	Fair	value	Fund's net Notional		Notional Fair value Fu		Notional Fair value	Fund's net					
	Notional amount	Assets	Liabilities	30.06.2020.	assets amount As		amount		amount		amount		Liabilities	assets 30.12.2019.
Foreign														
currency														
Exchange														
transactions														
(swaps)	44,861,560	434,024	(225,470)	0.41%	38,005,903	138,532	(91,285)	0.15%						
Non-exchange			,				,							
traded														
(forwards)	24,219,441	226,452	(238,992)	(0.02%)	533,915	664	(979)	(0.00%)						
Total			,	,			Ì	,						
derivative														
financial														
instruments	69,081,001	660,476	(464,462)	0.39%	38,539,818	139,196	(92,264)	(0.15%)						

All derivative financial instruments are EUR and USD swaps concluded with AS Citadele Banka.

### NOTE 4 PERFORMANCE DYNAMICS OF THE INVESTMENT FUND

"CBL Eastern European Bond Fund" Class R Acc USD	30.06.2020.	31.12.2019.	31.12.2018.	31.12.2017.
Net assets (EUR)	6,688,992	7,124,184	7,531,567	9,983,212
Number of share certificates	288,457	300,343	356,182	488,880
Value of the unit of the investment fund (EUR)	23.19	23.72	21.15	20.42
Profitability of the investment fund*	(2.23%)	12.15%	3.57%	(6.76%)
Net assets (USD)**	7,490,334	8,003,308	8,623,645	11,972,866
Number of share certificates	288,457	300,343	356,182	488,880
Value of the unit of the investment fund (USD)	25.97	26.65	24.21	24.49
Profitability of the investment fund*	(2.55%)	10.08%	(1.14%)	6.11%



"CBL Eastern European Bond Fund" Class R Acc EUR (hedged)	30.06.2020.	31.12.2019.	31.12.2018.	31.12.2017.
Net assets (EUR)	43,654,297	23,507,176	21,253,257	19,191,715
Number of share certificates	2,355,553	1,222,126	1,180,217	1,022,346
Value of the unit of the investment fund (EUR)	18.53	19.23	18.01	18.77
Profitability of the investment fund**	(3.64%)	6.77%	(4.05%)	4.28%

<sup>&</sup>quot;CBL Eastern European Bond Fund" R Acc EUR (hedged) share class performance dynamics and profitability of the investment fund for the previous periods refer to the CBL Eastern European Bond Fund.

<sup>\*</sup> The net asset value in EUR is determined using the foreign exchange rates prevailing on the financial markets at the end of the day.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Yield is calculated as the change in the value of the Fund unit over the reporting period in relation to its value at the beginning of the period. The profitability of the semi-annual report is presented in absolute terms. The Fund's annual performance is expressed as a multiple of 365 times the number of days in the period.