



SECOND EUROPEAN SHAREHOLDER'S RIGHTS DIRECTIVE (SRD II)

Introduction

This revised version of the EU Directive 2017/828 of the European Parliament and of the Council on shareholders' rights (hereinafter the "SRD II") aims to promote the exchange of information between shareholders and companies based in the European Union (EU) or the European Economic Area (EEA) (hereinafter the "EU/EEA companies"), to ensure long-term stability of the companies concerned and, consequently, of the European economy.

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The main objectives of the provisions of the SRD II are to:

- a) Ensure that all investors have an incentive to participate in the long-term life of the companies in which they invest in order to make the EU economy more sustainable in the long term,
- b) Facilitate the identification of shareholders by requiring intermediaries to disclose their information upon request of the EU company in which they have invested,
- c) Improve shareholder participation in corporate governance by requiring companies to provide their shareholders with the means to vote at general meetings,
- d) Encourage transparency in the investment strategy by requiring institutional investors and asset managers to disclose relevant information,
- e) Influencing directors' remuneration by involving shareholders in the process of setting, voting and assessing such remuneration.

Scope

The SRD II Directive applies as of 3 September 2020 to all financial institutions that hold shares of a listed company with their registered office in the EU or the EEA for their clients. Piguet Galland & Cie SA, as well as its clients as

shareholders of EU/EEA companies, are affected insofar as they hold in their portfolio securities falling within the scope of the SRD II Directive.

Disclosure of shareholders' names

The right of EU/EEA companies to identify their shareholders imposes an obligation on the Bank to disclose information that will enable you to be identified upon request. This information includes the shareholder's name and, if available, unique identifier (e.g. passport number for individuals or Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) for legal entities), address and number of shares held.

According to our Terms and conditions of Deposit (par. 19), Piguet Galland & Cie SA may disclose this information directly to an issuer if requested to do so. Therefore, no action on your part is required in the event of such a request.

These obligations do not apply to investments in EU/EEA companies through investment vehicles.

Transmission of information

The SRD II Directive now entitles EU/EEA companies to send information on company events to its shareholders through its intermediaries, including notices of general meetings. Upon request of said companies, the Bank will transmit these to you.