# One-Time Certificate – FFI<sup>1</sup> – QIC<sup>2</sup> Segregated account for FATCA compliant recipients being U.S. specified persons which payee specific 1099 reporting is requested for

#### Please mail the completed and signed certificate to:

Clearstream Fund Centre Prague Branch
Tax Services Prague
Futurama Business Park
Building B
Sokolovska 662/136b
18600 Prague 8
Czech Republic

Clearstream Fund Centre <sup>3</sup> account number(s):

We, the undersigned client of Clearstream Fund Centre may hold from time to time in our Account(s) Vestima fund securities that generate Chapter 4 Withholdable payments and/or Chapter 3 Reportable payments (the "Securities").

### In regard to our status under Chapter 4 (FATCA) and 3 (QI regime) of the Code

We are a Foreign Financial Institution (FFI) that is FATCA compliant

As per the agreement signed with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (referred hereinafter as "IRS"); or	
As per the Intergovernmental Agreement signed betwee Model	en the U.S.A. andunder
Ne hereby provide our GIIN:code:	_ whenever applicable and our Chapter 4 status

In regard to our Chapter 4 status, we do assume FATCA due diligence and reporting responsibilities to the extent applicable and required by our status.

We hereby certify that we are not the beneficial owner of any such Vestima fund securities that we may hold from time to time in the Account(s) but we, the Clearstream Fund Centre Client named below, are acting as a qualified intermediary neither assuming primary Non-Resident Alien (NRA) withholding responsibility nor the 1099 reporting and backup withholding responsibility.

We further certify that we hold exclusively on behalf of beneficial owner(s) that are documented U.S. specified persons.

We hereby certify that our IRS Chapter 3 Recipient code is:

Attached is Form **W-8IMY**<sup>4</sup>, duly completed in our name confirming our status under Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 of the Code (as defined below).

### In regard to Chapter 4 Withholdable Payments and Chapter 3 Reportable Payments

Holding exclusively on behalf of beneficial owner(s) that are documented U.S. non-exempt recipients, we hereby certify that neither FATCA withholding, nor Chapter 3 withholding is due or will be due, and consequently instruct Clearstream Fund Centre not to apply any FATCA nor Chapter 3 withholding on the Account(s).

(the "Account(s)")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Foreign Financial Institution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Qualified Intermediary neither assuming primary Non-Resident Alien (NRA) withholding responsibility nor the 1099 reporting and backup withholding responsibility.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "Clearstream Fund Centre" registered office at 42, avenue John F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg and registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register under number B261.691.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> It must be noted that, by reference, any information contained on any underlying withholding certificates associated with the account for which this one-time certificate is submitted is an integral part of this one-time certificate.

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#### In regard to Chapter 61 Reporting

We further undertake to provide a Form **W-9** duly completed and signed by each U.S. non-exempt recipient with respect to whom payee specific 1099 reporting is required for Chapter 61 purposes. We further acknowledge that, for the purpose of obtaining the appropriate backup exemption on a portion(s) of their come to be paid on the Securities in the Account(s), we here certify that the Securities are held on behalf of:

a single or multiple U.S. non-exempt recipient, and no further per payment information must be provided unless we receive a U.S. sourced income payment that is not subject to NRA reporting but subject to 1099 reporting and backup withholding (e.g.Fund securities capital gains). In such case, we, the Clearstream Fund Centre client, will advise Clearstream Fund Centre via a per payment instruction <sup>5</sup> ; or
a single or multiple U.S. non-exempt recipients and therefore must submit to Clearstream Fund Centre, in addition to this One-Time Certificate and no later than the deadlines prescribed by Clearstream Fund Centre, a per payment breakdown, which must include the following information:

- ISIN code;
- Pay date;
- Total holding;
- Breakdown per each U.S. non-exempt recipients, subject to backup exemption.

This information must be transmitted at the latest 10:00 Central European Time two (2) business days prior to the payment date of such payment.<sup>5</sup>

We acknowledge that failing to provide such complete documentation by such deadline, the payment, or portions of the payment will be subject to deduction of FATCA withholding tax at rate of 30%.

#### **Notifications**

We undertake to notify Clearstream Fund Centre at the latest by 10:00 Central European Time two (2) business days prior to any relevant Payment Date of any balance of the Vestima fund securities that is not covered by this One-Time Certificate or by the attached IRS Form(s) or documentation.

We hereby undertake to notify Clearstream Fund Centre promptly, and at the latest within thirty (30) calendar days, of any changes to the information included in this One-Time Certificate or the attached forms and documentation to which this instruction refers.

We hereby undertake to provide Clearstream Fund Centre, within its deadline, with any additional statements, certifications, Forms, documentation or information that may be required under i) the Code or the regulations thereunder or ii) under the Luxembourg-U.S.A. Intergovernmental Agreement or implementing legislation or regulations thereunder (for Clearstream Fund Centre S.A. clients).

We hereby acknowledge and agree that in case of erroneous Chapter 4 status classification provided by ourselves, Clearstream Fund Centre will be required, as of ninety (90) calendar days starting at the date when the erroneous claim was made, to withhold on future payments, if any, the amount of tax that should have been withheld during this ninety (90) calendar days period.

As per the Qualified Intermediary Agreement published in Revenue Procedure 2022-37, notwithstanding its election not to assume primary form 1099 reporting and backup withholding responsibility, QI shall backup withhold and report a reportable amount to the extent required under sections 3.04 and 8.06 of this Agreement if it has actual knowledge that the payment is subject to 1099 reporting and backup withholding and another payer has not reported it or has not applied backup withholding or if another payer had not applied backup withholding or reporting due to an error made by the QI. This includes income payment that is not subject to NRA reporting but subject to 1099 reporting and backup withholding (e.g.).

 $<sup>^6</sup>$  Should the security be a grandfathered obligation, the default tax rate is 30% non-resident alien tax.

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### Reporting

We hereby appoint Clearstream Fund Centre and Clearstream Fund Centre's U.S. Tax Reporting Agent as our attorneys-in-fact with authority to collect and forward any necessary information or documents in connection with the Securities to the IRS to the strict extent required under Chapter 3, Chapter 4 (if applicable) and Chapter 61 of the Code and the regulations thereunder.

We similarly appoint them to collect and forward the required information or documents to other persons holding the relevant Vestima fund securities for the account of Clearstream Fund Centre or from whom Clearstream Fund Centre receives payments on such Securities.

We irrevocably authorise Clearstream Fund Centre to disclose this certificate or any copy, attachments, or related information to the interested party, in the event of or threat of administrative or legal proceedings, an official inquiry or request of the IRS or other relevant authority, in which or to which this One-Time Certificate (including any certificate, Form, document or other information referred to herein) is, or would be, relevant.

We acknowledge and agree that Clearstream Fund Centre may disclose i) to the Luxembourg tax authorities the information or documents required to be collected and/or reported by Clearstream Fund Centre under the Luxembourg-U.S.A. Intergovernmental Agreement or implementing legislation or regulations thereunder (for Clearstream Fund Centre S.A. clients).

### **Undertakings**

We agree irrevocably that, in the event that:

- i) we fail to deliver any certificate, Form or document necessary under the Code, the regulations issued thereunder, the Qualified Intermediary Agreement published in Revenue Procedure 2022-43 as amended, the Luxembourg-U.S.A. Intergovernmental Agreement (for Clearstream Fund Centre S.A. clients or implementing legislation or regulations thereunder or Clearstream Fund Centre Governing Documents; or
- ii) this certificate or any certificate, Form or information referred to herein and delivered by us to Clearstream Fund Centre is incorrect, outdated, incomplete or invalid for any reason within our control or within our knowledge;

then we shall indemnify Clearstream Fund Centre for any resulting loss, claim, liability, or expense. This includes penalties and resulting additions to tax and interest thereon (and reasonable expenses of counsel). Moreover, Clearstream Fund Centre may charge our account or otherwise reclaim from us, and we will pay Clearstream Fund Centre on demand the amount of such charge or loss and any other expenses incurred by Clearstream Fund Centre in pursuing their claim.

#### We understand that:

i) If this certificate or any attached or connected certificate, Form or document or any information furnished by us is found to be false, we may be liable for damages and could also be subject to such other sanctions as may be determined by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the IRS or by the competent Luxembourg authority under the Luxembourg-U.S.A. Intergovernmental Agreement (for Clearstream Fund Centre S.A. clients) or implementing legislation or regulations thereunder; and

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- ii) The U.S. Department of the Treasury or the IRS or the competent Luxembourg authority under the Luxembourg-U.S.A. Intergovernmental Agreement (for Clearstream Banking Fund Centre S.A. clients) or implementing legislation or regulations thereunder to which we are subject may determine that any certificate or statement given by us will not be valid to prevent imposition of the 30% U.S. withholding tax under Chapter 4 of the Code on any withholdable payment credited to our account.
- iii) Similarly, the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the IRS may determine that any certificate or statement given by us will not be valid to prevent the imposition of the 30% U.S. withholding tax on payments to us of interest that would otherwise qualify for exemption from such tax as "portfolio interest" within the meaning of sections 871(h) and 881(c) of the Code. The U.S. Department of the Treasury or the IRS may further determine that any certificate or statement given by us will be ineffectual in the preclusion of or entitlement to a reduction of the imposition of the 30% U.S. withholding tax on payments to us of dividends within the meaning of the Code.
- iv) In case Clearstream Fund Centre receives the income distributed by the Vestima fund securities net of U.S. withholding taxes (due to the absence of U.S. tax services offered by Clearstream Fund Centre's upstream agents), Clearstream Fund Centre will not offer any U.S. tax relief at source nor reclaim service on such specific income payment. Any reclaim of U.S. withholding taxes will have to beapplied directly to the IRS.

#### **Definitions and abbreviations**

For the purposes of this One-Time Certificate:

- "Beneficial Owner" means, with respect to a Vestima fund security, any person that under sections 871(h)(2)(B)(ii) and 881(c)(2)(B)(ii) of the Code is considered to be the beneficial owner of that Security.
- "Chapter 3 Reportable payment" means any income paid to the account and that is considered as falling under U.S. withholding and reporting as per Chapter 3 / Chapter 61 of the Code and regulations issued thereunder.
- "Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended. Any reference to any section of the Code shall mean such section of any successor provisions.
- "Form" means an IRS form, or such successor form as shall be adopted from time to time by the IRS and any substantially similar substitute form as may be permitted by the Code or the regulations thereunder.
- "Withholdable payment" means any payment of fixed or determinable annual or periodical gains, profits, and income from sources within the U.S., to the extent treated as a withholdable payment in Chapter 4 of the Code and regulations issued thereunder.
- "FFI" refers to Foreign Financial Institution.
- "QIC" refers to Qualified Intermediary neither assuming primary Non-Resident Alien (NRA) withholding responsibility nor the 1099 reporting and backup withholding responsibility.

All terms that are used and not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Code, the regulations issued thereunder, the Qualified Intermediary Agreement published in Revenue Procedure 2022-43 as amended, the Luxembourg-U.S.A. Intergovernmental Agreement (for Clearstream Fund Centre S.A. clients), or regulations thereunder and Clearstream Fund Centre's Governing Documents.

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#### Certification

This statement forms an integral part of the attached withholding certificate. We hereby certify, under penalties of perjury, that the above information is true, correct, and complete and that I am/we are an (the) authorised representative(s) of the Client named below.

This One-Time Certificate is governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (for Clearstream Fund Centre S.A. clients) shall have exclusive jurisdiction for all legal proceedings relating thereto.

It must be noted that, by reference, any information contained on any underlying withholding certificates associated with the account for which this one-time certificate is submitted is an integral part of this one-time certificate.

For and on behalf of:		
Name of Clearstream Fund Centre client:		
Address:		
Client account number:		
Authorised signatorie(s):		
Authorised signature	Authorised signature	
Name	Name	
Title	Title	
Place	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	