

**COMMUNIQUÉ ON REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT FUNDS (III-52.3)**

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**FIRST PART****Purpose, Scope, Legal Basis and Definitions****Purpose and scope**

**ARTICLE 1 – (1)** The purpose of this Communiqué is to regulate the principles regarding the real estate investment funds.

**(2)** This Communiqué covers the principles regarding the establishment of investment fund, their activity principles and rules, the issuance of fund units and their sales to qualified investors, the issue document, the process of disclosure, the liquidation and termination of real estate investment funds.

**Legal basis**

**ARTICLE 2 – (1)** This Communiqué has been prepared and issued in reliance upon article 52 and 54 of the Capital Markets Law no. 6362 dated 6/12/2012.

**Definitions and abbreviations**

**ARTICLE 3 – (1)** For the purposes and in the context of this Communiqué:

**a)** "Information documents" refers to fund rules and issue document,

**b)** "Exchange" refers to the systems, marketplaces and foreign exchanges as defined in sub-paragraph (ç) of first paragraph of Article 3 of the Law no. 6362,

**c)** "Fund" refers to real estate investment funds,

**ç)** "Total fund value" refers to the fund portfolio value calculated through valuation of all assets in the fund portfolio within the framework of the relevant regulations of the Board and by summing, if any, other assets and receivables thereto and deducting the debts and liabilities therefrom.

**d)** "Real estate appraisal company" refers to companies listed among the companies eligible for appraisal services on real estates and real estate based rights pursuant to the capital markets laws and regulations;

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- e)** "Real estate investment" refers to assets and rights listed in Article 4 paragraph 3 sub paragraph a;
- f)** "Related party" refers to the related party defined in the regulations of the Board within the framework of the Turkish Accounting Standards;
- g)** "Operating company" refers to a company which operates the hotels, hospitals, shopping centers, business centers, commercial parks, commercial warehouses, housing sites, supermarkets and similar other real properties included in the fund portfolio for commercial purposes within the framework of a contract signed with the Founder;
- ğ)** "Law" refers to the Capital Markets Law no. 6362 dated 6/12/2012;
- h)** "PDP" refers to the Public Disclosure Platform;
- ı)** "Fund unit" refers to a dematerialized capital market instrument which represents the right of ownership of the investor and shows his participation in the fund
- i)** "Founder" refers to a portfolio management company, a real estate portfolio management company or a real estate and venture capital portfolio management company holding an operating license duly received from the Board under the Communiqué on Portfolio Management Companies and Activities of such Companies published in the Official Gazette edition 28695 on 2/7/2013;
- j)** "Board" refers to the Capital Markets Board
- k)** "CRA" refers to Central Registry Agency Co., Inc.;
- l)** "Qualified investor" Persons defined in the regulations of the Board pertaining to sales of capital market instruments;
- m)** "Portfolio depository communique" refers to the Communiqué on Principles of Portfolio Depository Service and Providers of such Service published in the Official Gazette edition 28695 on 2/7/2013;
- n)** "Portfolio depository institution" refers to an institution providing portfolio depository service within the framework of the portfolio depository communique of the Board;
- o)** "Portfolio manager" refers to a portfolio management company, a real estate portfolio management company or a real estate and venture capital portfolio management company holding an operating license duly received from the Board under the Communiqué on Portfolio Management Companies and Activities of such Companies (III-55.1);
- ö)** "Portfolio management communique" refers to the Communiqué on Portfolio Management Companies and Activities of such Companies (III-55.1);
- p)** "Clearing bank" refers to Istanbul Custody and Settlement Bank Co., Inc.
- r)** "TTRG" refers to the Turkish Trade Registry Gazette;
- s)** "Derivative instruments" refers to futures and options contracts deemed appropriate by the Board to be invested by the fund;

- ş) “Standard return” refers to the value which is used to compare returns of funds,
- t) “The most appropriate means of communication” refers to PDP, e-mail, text messages, telephone, fax and similar means of communication,
- u) “Fund issuance agreement” refers to the standard contract concluded individually or collectively between the fund and the fund unit holders and regulating at least the matters listed in Annex/4,
- ü) “Contractor” refers to a real or legal person who undertakes to carry out the construction works of the real estates and real estate projects included in the Fund portfolio within the framework of a contract with the Founder.

## SECOND PART General Provisions

### Real estate investment fund

**ARTICLE 4 – (1)** The Fund is an asset which does not have a legal entity and permanently or temporarily established within the fund rules by portfolio management companies and real estate portfolio management companies and real estate and venture capital portfolio management companies which holds an operating license duly received from the Board in order to manage the portfolio comprised of assets and transactions specified in the third paragraph, with the money, real estates, separate parts in scope of real estates projects mentioned in the third paragraph of Article 18 or rights based on real estates collected from qualified investors in return for fund units, in accordance with fiduciary ownership principles and pursuant to the provisions of the Law. Provided, however, that the Fund shall be deemed as a legal person limited to the registration in land registry revision, deletion and correction requests and trade registry procedures regarding which the fund will be the shareholder including joint stock company establishment, capital increase and share transfer transactions.

**(2)** The Fund can be established to invest in a specific property or operate in a specific sector as well as the fund can be founded without any limitation on its purpose.

**(3)** Funds cannot deal with any business other than the operation of a portfolio composed of the following assets, rights and transactions:

**a)** Real estate investments:

**1)** Real estates,

**2)** Rights based on real estates,

**3)** Real estate projects mentioned in the third paragraph of Article 18,

**4)** Capital market instruments issued by real estate investment companies,

**5)** Shares of joint-stock companies of which at least %75 percent of its total assets included in the financial statements prepared according to the provisions of the legislation they are subject to comprise of domestic

real estate investments,

**6)** Real estate certificates and lease certificates of which the Housing Development Administration is the fund user,

**7)** Fund units of other real investment funds,

**8)** Receivables from sales for account of real estates in the portfolio,

**9)** Receivables of Value Added Tax from real estate investments,

**b)** Other investments:

**1)** Private and public debt instruments, and shares of joint-stock companies established in Turkey, including those covered by the privatization process,

**2)** Foreign private and public sectors debt instruments and joint-stock company shares tradable within the framework of the Governmental Decree no. 32 on Protection of the Value of Turkish Currency put into force by a Decree of the Council of Ministers no. 89/14391 dated 7/8/1989,

**3)** Time deposits and participation accounts,

**4)** Investment fund units,

**5)** Repo and reverse repo transactions, preliminary contracts, and transactions conducted in the committed transactions market; gold and other precious metals, and money and capital market instruments based gold and other precious metals,

**6)** Lease certificates,

**7)** Varantlar ve sertifikalar,

**8)** Istanbul Custody and Settlement Bank Co., Inc. money market transactions and domestic organised money market transactions,

**9)** Cash collaterals and premiums of derivative instruments,

**10)** Specially designed foreign investment instruments notes deemed appropriate by the Board,

**11)** Other investment instruments deemed appropriate by the Board.

**(4)** If the Fund's activities and investments are specified in the issue document in accordance with the principles of participation finance, the term "participation" may be used in the title of the fund.

## Properties of fund

**ARTICLE 5 – (1)** The fund assets are segregated from the assets of its founder, portfolio depository and portfolio manager.

**(2)** The fund assets shall not be designated as collateral or pledged, for purposes other than borrowing loans, obtaining financing, conducting hedging purposed derivative instrument transactions or similar transactions on behalf of the fund under Article 23 hereof, provided that such transactions are conducted on account of the fund. The fund asset shall not be disposed of for any other purpose whatsoever, even if the management or supervision of the founder or the portfolio depository is transferred to public authorities, may not be attached, make subject to interim injunction, or included in a bankrupt's estate even for collecting public receivables.

**(3)** The debts and obligations of founder and/or portfolio manager to third persons and the receivables and claims of fund from the same third persons may not be set off against each other.

## Fund notification documents

**ARTICLE 6 – (1)** Fund notification documents consist of fund rules and the issue document.

**(2)** The Fund rules is an agreement which is signed between the unit holders on the one side and the founder, the portfolio depository and the portfolio manager on the other side about the management of the fund portfolio and functioning of the fund in accordance with fiduciary ownership principles, and the depository of the portfolio under Article 56 of the Law and management of the fund portfolio in accordance with the provisions of proxy agreement, and is by nature an "adhesion" contract. The standard of the fund rules is determined by the Board. The minimum contents of fund rules are provided under Annex- 1.

**(3)** Fund issue document is a document containing information about the nature and the sale conditions of the Fund. Minimum contents of certificate of issue are given in Annex-2.

**(4) (REPEALED)**

## Authority and responsibility

**ARTICLE 7 – (1)** The founder is responsible for the representation, management, supervision of the management of the fund so as to protect the rights of the investment fund unit, and for carrying out the fund activities in compliance with the fund rules and issue document. The founder is authorized to take actions on, and dispose of, and use the rights related to, assets of the fund in its own name and in the account of the fund in accordance with the applicable legislation, the fund rules and issue document.

**(2)** The founder may delegate portfolio management to another portfolio management company, real estate portfolio management company or real estate and venture capital portfolio management company by a contract to be signed under fourth paragraph of Article 8 of the Communiqué on Portfolio Management. During conduct of activities of the Fund the delegation of the portfolio management or outsourcing any kind of such services in this respect shall not eliminate the responsibility of the founder.

**(3)** If the Law, the related legislation, the fund rules and in the issue, document remain silent, the provisions

of Article 502 to 514 of the Turkish Code of Obligations dated 11/1/2011 and numbered 6098 shall be applied by analogy to the relations between the founder and the holders of fund units.

(4) The members of the fund's investment committee are responsible for the management of the fund's real estate investment portfolio, limited to the decisions they take.

### **The management of the fund portfolio**

**ARTICLE 8 – (1)** Founder, and if any, portfolio managers, shall manage the fund portfolio in accordance with management principles specified in the Law, this Communiqué, fund rules and issue document within the framework of regulations in Communiqué on Portfolio Management so as to observe the benefits and interests of investor. For portfolio management, contractual relations may be established with multiple portfolio managers. In this case, the rights and obligations of the third-party portfolio managers arising from delegation of portfolio management shall be specified in the portfolio management agreement.

(2) Principles set down in Article 33 of the Communiqué of Portfolio Management shall be followed in portfolio management, provided, however, that the provisions of subparagraph (b) of the first paragraph of Article 33 of the Communiqué of Portfolio Management shall not be applicable to transactions referred to Article 28 hereof.

(3) If the portfolio manager receives a commission, discount or similar other benefits with respect to any trading transaction of the portfolio, investors shall be informed by the founder about this situation via the most convenient communication instrument within 10 business days as of the date on which founder becomes aware of the situation.

### **Safekeeping of the Fund Assets**

**ARTICLE 9 – (1)** The assets in the Fund portfolio shall be entrusted to a depository within the framework of the regulations of the Communiqué on Portfolio Depository. Information, documents and records proving the existence of assets and the ownership of the Fund on such assets which are not eligible for safekeeping, either physically or on book-entry basis, are also kept by the portfolio depository. Before real estate investments specified in subparagraph (a) of the third paragraph of Article 4 are made or removed from the fund portfolio, samples of information and documents related to the transactions are sent to the portfolio depository within a reasonable time before the transactions are carried out, in order to fulfill their responsibilities within the scope of the portfolio depository communiqué. The definition of reasonable time and the procedures for sending information and documents regarding transactions are included in the portfolio custody agreement.

(2) Real estates, real estate based rights and real estate bonds included in the Fund portfolio shall be registered in the land register on behalf of the Fund. The transactions shall be executed in the land registry and trade registry on behalf of the Fund, co-signed by an official for each of the founder and the portfolio depository. In the implementation of this provision, the authorized persons stands for the chairman or members of the board of directors of the founder or the portfolio depository or persons holding at least second degree of signature authorization given by the board of directors.

(3) A copy of the fund issuance agreement signed with the investor is conveyed to the portfolio custodian in order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Communiqué on portfolio custody.

## Representation of fund

**ARTICLE 10 – (1)** In execution of all of its activities, the Fund shall be represented by the board of directors of the founder. Board of directors may delegate this power to one or more member or the personnel of the Founder having the first degree signature authority. However, the transactions related to the establishment, issuance of fund units, liquidation, increase of management fee and other transactions which may affect the investment decisions of the fund unit holders must be based upon a decision of the board of directors.

## Organization structure of Founder and Manager

**ARTICLE 11 – (1)** At least one of the members of board of directors of founders must have a minimum five years of experience on real estate investments, other than real estate trading. In addition founders shall establish an investment committee and this investment committee must include at least one member of the board of directors who has the qualifications specified in the first sentence, general manager and a real estate appraiser who is employed full-time or part-time by the Founder and who has the qualifications specified in the relevant regulations of the Board. The requirement for a real estate appraiser to be assigned to the investment committee can also be met by a board member with a real estate appraisal license and at least 3 years of experience in real estate appraisal. If the Fund portfolio is managed by a third-party portfolio manager, such organization structure shall be established within the portfolio manager.

**(2)** Risk management system of real estate investment fund founder and if any, portfolio manager shall be established to cover not only the provisions set forth in the Communiqué on Portfolio Management, but also at least the financing risk of the real estate investment and liquidity risk and other probable risks related with the real estate investments.

**(3)** Unless otherwise stipulated in the fund disclosure documents to aggravate the quorums, the investment committee convenes with the majority of the members and takes decisions with the majority of the votes cast at the meeting. However, in any case, the majority of the investment committee members determined as minimum in the first paragraph must be present at the meeting.

## THIRD PART

### Principles on Establishment of Fund and Issue, Distribution and Marketing of Fund Units

## Establishment of the fund

**ARTICLE 12 – (1)** For the establishment of the Fund, the founder shall apply to the Board with a draft of fund rules and a standard form as described by the Board together with other information and documents requested by the Board. In order to obtain Board authorization for establishment founder shall sign a custody agreement with portfolio depository, and the fund rules shall be approved by the Board.

**(2)** In the course of application for establishment, the information given in the fund rules shall be consistent, comprehensive and complete in line with the fund rules standards determined by the Board.

**(3)** The applications regarding the establishment of fund shall be concluded by the Board within two months starting from the full submission of the necessary documents to the Board.

(4) Fund rules approved by the Board, shall be registered in the trade registry of the place where the headquarters of the founder is located and shall be announced in the TTRG within six business days as of the date of receipt of the Board's decision by the founder.

(5) If an application is not approved as a result of an inspection conducted under this Article, this situation shall be notified to the applicant together with the reasons thereof.

(6) Standard form required for a fund establishment application, and information and documents to be attached to the form shall be determined and announced by the Board.

(7) Fund units can be taken into their own portfolio by the founder and portfolio manager and/or loan may be given to the fund by taking a reasoned board of directors decision before the sale of fund units to investors.

### **Principles regarding the umbrella fund and funds affiliated to the umbrella fund**

**ARTICLE 12/A – (1)** It is possible to issue fund units of the funds affiliated to an umbrella fund. For funds whose fund units are issued under an umbrella fund in this manner, the term “fund rules” in this Communiqué refer to the umbrella fund rules.

(2) Funds affiliated to the umbrella fund may be established in accordance with the principles set forth in the umbrella fund rules and set forth below, provided that a separate issue document is issued for each issue of fund units:

a) All assets and liabilities of each fund are separated.

b) All expenses required to be incurred for an umbrella fund, excluding the establishment expenses of the umbrella fund and the expenses of issuance of fund units, are covered proportionally from the portfolios of these funds by taking into account the total values of the funds.

c) In case an umbrella fund is liquidated or transferred, the funds affiliated to this umbrella fund must also be liquidated or transferred.

ç) The provisions of this Communiqué shall be applied separately for each fund unless otherwise stated.

(3) The first application for issuance of an umbrella fund is required to be made within 6 months following the registration of the umbrella fund rules. In case no application is made to the Board within this period, an application shall be made to the Board with a request to allow the umbrella fund rules to be removed from the trade registry. In the presence of reasonable grounds to be deemed appropriate by the Board, the six-month period specified in this paragraph may be extended for another six months for one time only.

(4) For funds whose fund units are issued under an umbrella fund, the condition of removal of the fund rules from the trade registry as stipulated in the second paragraph of Article 17 and the third and fourth paragraphs of Article 19 shall not apply. Liquidation of the fund linked to the umbrella fund is deemed sufficient.

## Issuance of fund units

**ARTICLE 13 – (1)** Fund units may be sold only to qualified investors.

**(2)** For issuance of fund units, the founder shall apply to the Board with an issue document and a standard form issued in accordance with the standards determined by the Board, together with other information and documents requested by the Board. The application for issuance of fund units shall have been submitted within no later than six months as of the date of the registration of the fund rules, provided that the offices, technical equipment and accounting system required for the fund transactions have been established, and a sufficient number of personnel have been appointed. If an application is not submitted to the Board within this period of time, the fund rules shall be removed by the founder from the trade registry. The documents related with such deletion shall be sent to the Board within six business days. For reasonable causes deemed appropriate by the Board, the period of six months mentioned in this paragraph may be extended by six months for only once.

**(3)** For issuance of fund units, the issue document shall have been approved by the Board. A separate prospectus is not required to be issued for the issuance of fund units.

**(4)** The following principles are applied at the stage of approval of issue document:

**a)** Issue document shall be examined within 20 business days within the framework of the information and documents submitted to the Board; when it is determined that the information given in the issue document is consistent, comprehensible and complete, according to the standards determined by the Board, the issue document shall be approved, and the approval shall be notified to the relevant persons.

**b)** If the submitted information and documents are incomplete, or additional information and documents are required, the applicant shall be informed within 10 business days following the date of application. Incomplete information and documents are required to be completed within a period to be determined by the Board. In this case, such period stated in the subparagraph (a) shall start as of the submission date of the related information and documents to the Board. If issue document is not approved as a result of an examination made under subparagraph (a), this situation shall be notified to the applicant together with the reasons thereof.

**(5)** The approval of issue document neither construe a warranty given by the Board for the accuracy of the information given in this document, nor can it be deemed or accepted as a recommendation regarding the relevant fund units.

**(6)** Issue document approved by the Board shall not be registered in the trade registry.

**(7)** Following the approval of the issue document by the Board, fund units are offered to investors through distribution channels declared in the issue document as of the starting date of sales stated in the issue document. The start date of sale shall not exceed one year after receipt of the approved issuance document in each case by the Founder. Within this period, it is obligatory to apply to the Board within six business days for the liquidation of the funds whose sales are not started. In the event that there is any amendment in the information documents approved by the Board until the start date of the sale, the Founder shall immediately apply to the Board to request the approval of the amendments in the information documents.

**(8)** The cash collected from investors in exchange for fund units shall be invested under the principles set forth in the issue document.

(9) Excluding the first fund application of the founder, the applications for establishment of funds and issuance of fund units, shall be submitted together. The applications for establishment of and issuance of fund units of these funds shall be evaluated and finalized jointly. However, applications of a founder for establishment of and issuance of fund units of its first fund shall be evaluated and responded separately.

(10) Different share groups under the same fund may be formed in order to differentiate the rights and/or obligations granted to the owners of fund units.

(11) In the event that an investor agreement is signed with the fund investors, no provisions contrary to the fund fund rules and fund issuance agreement may be included in this contract.

(12) In order for the fund units to be sold in return for the real estates, separate parts under the real estate projects mentioned in the third paragraph of Article 18 and for the rights based on the real estates, it is obligatory to have such provision in the issuance document.

(13) Prior to the sale of fund units to qualified investors, it is obligatory to sign a fund issuance agreement containing the minimum elements specified in this article with the investors. However, this obligation is not required for investors who purchase fund units from exchange. In the said agreement, it is mandatory;

a) Not to include any provisions that seriously impair the rights of investors and provide unilateral extraordinary rights in favour of the Founder,

b) Not to include provisions that place the burden of proof on the investor,

c) To use a clear and understandable language, not to use characters and font size that would make it difficult or prevent the investor from reading,

ç) Not to include any provisions contrary to this Communiqué, fund rules and issue document.

(14) A copy of the fund issue agreement is included in the PDP page of the fund. In case of any amendment in the terms and conditions of the agreement, the agreement containing the amendments must be announced in PDP and sent to the portfolio custodian.

### **Amendments in information documents**

#### **ARTICLE 14 – (1) Amendments in fund rules:**

a) Shall be approved by examining pursuant to second paragraph of Article 12. If an application is not approved as a result of an examination made under this subparagraph, such situation shall be notified to the applicant together with the reasons thereof.

b) Shall be registered and announced in accordance with the fourth paragraph of Article 12.

c) Those of which may affect the investment decision of investors and shall be known beforehand, the amendments shall be notified to the unit holders by the most convenient communication instrument at least 30 days prior to the effective date of amendments. If any investor wishes to redeem fund units within the period set forth in this subparagraph, the effective date of those amendments shall be postponed to the first redemption date.

ç) Those of which require amendments in issue document, the provisions of the second paragraph shall also be applicable in these amendments

(2) Amendments in issue document:

a) Those of which may affect the investment decision of investors and shall be known beforehand, the amendments shall be approved by the examination of the Board pursuant to fourth paragraph of Article 13; and the unit holders shall be notified by the most convenient communication instrument at least 30 days prior to the effective date of amendments. If any investor wishes to redeem his fund units within the period set forth in this subparagraph, the effective date of those amendments shall be postponed to the first redemption date of the fund units.

b) Those of which are uncovered by subparagraph (a) hereinabove, the amendments shall be made by the founder without the approval of the Board and shall be notified to the unit holders by the most convenient communication instrument. Furthermore, the amendments shall also be notified to the Board collectively within six business days following the end of every calendar year.

(3) (REPEALED)

(4) (REPEALED)

(5) Statements in information documents cannot contain an explicit or implicit phrase leading to an interpretation of the Board's approval as neither a guarantee of the Board nor the guarantee of the public

(6) The minimum 30-day waiting period for the amendments to be notified to the fund unit holders through the most appropriate communication to be effective shall not be applied in the event that the amendments in the scope of sub-paragraph (c) of the first paragraph and sub-paragraph (a) of the second paragraph shall be approved in advance by all the fund unit holders and the documents proving this approval are delivered to the Board. In the amendments to be made within this scope in the funds whose fund units can be returned only at the end of the fund term, it is obligatory to grant the right to exit from the fund to the fund unit holders before the effective date by the decision of the investment committee or the board of directors of the founder. In case there are investors who wish to return their units to the fund, the effective date of such amendments shall be postponed until the first date when the units can be returned to the fund.

### **Value of fund units**

**ARTICLE 15 – (1)** Fund units do not have a nominal value. Fund unit value is calculated by dividing the value of fund net assets by the number of fund units.

(2) In principle, fund unit value shall be calculated and notified to qualified investors at least once a year. Fund issuance agreement contains the principles and procedures of notification of the value of fund units to investors. Principles different from those mentioned in this Communique may be determined by the Board with respect to the calculation frequency and announcement of price of fund units.

(3) In the cases mentioned in the second subparagraph of Article 31, when deemed appropriate by the Board, the fund unit value may not be calculated, and issue and redemption of fund units may be suspended.

## **Sales, redemption, and transfer of fund units among investors**

**ARTICLE 16 – (1)** The fund units shall be sold through complete payment of fund unit value in cash or in kind through registration of real estates and rights based on real estates in the land registry in the name of the fund or registration of separate parts in the scope of the real estate projects mentioned in the third paragraph of the Article 18 in the land registry in the name of the fund or through transfer of the sale contracts of the relevant separate parts to the fund, the redemption of fund units shall be realized through converting the investors' fund units into cash or transferring real estates and real estate based rights corresponding to their fund units under the principles stated in the fund issuance agreement. Provisions of paragraph fourteen are reserved.

**(2)** Entry and exit commissions may be charged in sales and redemption of fund units. The commissions shall be recorded as revenue to the fund.

**(3)** Principles pertaining to sales and redemption of fund units shall be determined in accordance with the portfolio structure of the fund, and these detailed principles shall be included in the fund issuance agreement. For the funds established for a predetermined period it is also possible to redeem the fund units only at the end of the term of fund, providing that it is specified in the issue document.

**(4)** Fund units may be marketed and distributed by not only the founder, but also the portfolio management companies and investment firms duly authorized thereon under an agreement signed with the founder, providing that the transactions thereof are carried out by personnel holding adequate information about risks contained by these funds.

**(5)** The company assigned for marketing and distribution of fund units shall obtain the documents and information proving that the investors whom the sales were made are qualified investors as per the definition in the Communiqué and to keep those information and documents throughout the term of fund and at least for five years. The company engaged in marketing and distribution of fund units shall be liable from the damages and losses of investors that may be caused by breach of the aforementioned requirements.

**(6)** In practice, the fund units shall be traded by the founder on behalf of the fund. The founder may include the fund units into its portfolio. The founder is liable to assure the required liquidity for the redemption of the fund units. However, it may postpone the redemption of the fund units if it is determined by the founder that the necessary liquidity cannot be provided and that the sale of the assets in the portfolio will be at the expense of the investor. In such case, the Board shall be immediately informed. Postponement time cannot exceed one year.

**(7) (REPEALED)**

**(8)** It is compulsory that the fund units shall be monitored at the CRA in the name of members and right holders under Article 13 of the Law.

**(9)** Fund units may be transferred among qualified investors. For the validation of the transfer of fund units among qualified investors, it is compulsory that the information and documents proving that the persons and/or entities taking over the fund units are qualified investors to be delivered to the institution carrying out the transfer transactions. The institution carrying out the transfer transactions shall obtain those information and documents and keep them at least for five years and throughout the term of the fund. The transfer of fund units among qualified investors shall be completed by the exchange of fund units among the relevant investors. It is the responsibility of the institution carrying out the transfer transactions to provide

CRA with information about the transfer of fund units.

(10) The transfer of fund units between qualified investors may be attributed to the approval of the founder or the manager, or may be limited in its entirety, if this matter is regulated in the fund issuance agreement.

(11) Fund unit trade may be realized through Turkish Lira, as well as foreign currencies of which trading rates are declared in daily basis by the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, to be sold by way of constituting share groups exclusively to foreigners resident in Turkey, persons resident abroad and persons in the scope of the sub-paragraph (e) of second paragraph of the Article 20 of the Regulation on Implementation of Turkish Citizenship Law enacted by Council of Ministers Decision dated 11/2/2010 and numbered 2010/139. In this case, the fund unit price is announced in TL and foreign currency according to the share group to which it is affiliated.

(12) In case that the issuance of the fund units or the return of the fund units to the fund shall be realized in kind, the approval of all the fund unit holders of the fund must be obtained and such matter must be confirmed by the portfolio custodian, and relevant documents must be kept throughout the term of the fund and for the following 5 years.

(13) In case that the issuance of the fund units or the return of the fund units to the fund shall be realized in kind, the fund shall have the real estate appraisal firm which is determined as the institution from which appraisal service will be provided in accordance to second paragraph of Article 29, prepare a report regarding valuation of real estates, separate parts in the scope of real estate projects mentioned in the third paragraph of Article 18 and real estate based rights that will be transferred between the fund and investors in return for fund units in accordance with the principles stipulated in the fifth part of this Communiqué. The expenses related to the valuation report to be prepared for the assets to be transferred from the investors to the fund shall not be covered from the fund portfolio. In the sale of fund unit, the value to be taken as the basis for calculating the number of fund units to be issued shall not be more than the value reached in the valuation report prepared and in the redemption of fund unit, the value to be taken as the basis for calculating the number of fund units to be taken back shall not be less than the value obtained in the valuation report prepared. Real estates with pledge or any limitations that may affect the value of the real estate and/or restrict the transfer of such assets and rights based on the real estate cannot be transferred to the fund in exchange for the sale of shares.

(14) The sale and purchase transactions of fund units can be conducted with a different price than the fund unit value, provided that the principles of calculation and application were specified in the fund issuance agreement. This price which provided the basis for the sale and purchase of fund units, shall be notified to the owners of fund units before each transaction.

#### **FOURTH PART** **Principles Regarding Fund Activities**

##### **Minimum portfolio size**

**ARTICLE 17 – (1)** Within one year as of the starting date of sales of fund units to qualified investors, fund portfolio value shall reach a minimum size of 250.000.000-TL\*, and the cash collected from fund holders shall be invested within the portfolio restrictions set forth in this Communiqué. The Board may re-determine this amount every year. Thereupon, the re-determined amount shall be published in the Board's Bulletin.

**(2)** If the fund portfolio value does not reach the minimum amount determined by the Board by the end of the period specified in the first paragraph hereof, the fund's investment activities shall be terminated, and it is compulsory to apply to the Board with the request to allow the liquidation of the fund and following the approval to be granted by the Board the fund rules shall be removed from the trade registry within no later than six months.

### **Principles regarding investments**

**ARTICLE 18 – (1)** Fund founder and portfolio manager may engage in the following transactions on behalf of the fund, within restrictions set forth in this Communiqué:

**a)** To make profit from sale and purchase or receive a rental income, they may purchase, sell, lease, rent out, and agree to purchase or sell, lands, registered lands, houses, offices, shopping centers, hotels, logistics centers, warehouses, parking lots, hospitals and all other kinds of similar real estates.

**b)** With respect to all kinds of buildings and similar other structures to be included in the fund portfolio, the occupancy permit shall have been received, and condominium shall have been established. However, if and when buildings such as hotels, shopping centers, business centers, hospitals, commercial warehouses, factories, office buildings and branch offices ownership of which belong solely to the fund or jointly with other persons are fully or partially used solely for generating rental and similar other income, it will be deemed sufficient if an occupancy permit is received for the building, and if its description in its title deed is in conformity with its existing situation.

**c)** Buildings, lands, registered lands and similar other real estates and real estate based rights that are pledged or have restrictive provisions affecting the value of the real estate may also be included in the fund portfolio, providing that it is specified in the fund rules. The provisions of subparagraph (c) of the first paragraph of Article 19 pertaining thereto, however, shall be reserved.

**ç)** They may establish right for construction and time-share property servitude in favor of the fund on real estates owned by other persons and may transfer such rights to third parties on behalf of the fund, under the provisions of the Turkish Civil Code dated 22/11/2001 and numbered 4721, providing that they are registered in the land registry.

**d)** They may establish right for construction and time-share property servitude in favor of other persons on behalf of the fund on real estates included in the fund portfolio and may permit the transfer of such rights to third parties, providing that they are registered in the land registry.

**e)** No limitation can be imposed on transferring the rights for construction and time-share property in the contracts on those rights. However, special law provisions shall be reserved.

**(2)** With respect to management of fund portfolio, the founder and the portfolio manager;

**a)** Cannot invest in real estate projects, or cannot themselves involve in the construction of real estates, or cannot recruit personnel and equipment for those purposes. However, the provisions of the third paragraph of this Article and the Article 18/A are reserved for investment in real estate projects.

**b)** Cannot provide services by its personnel to individuals and institutions in project development, project control, financial feasibility and follow-up of legal permission or similar other services to other persons or entities;

c) Cannot commercially operate any hotel, hospital, shopping center, business center, commercial parks, commercial warehouses, residential sites, supermarkets, and similar type of real estates and employ any personnel for this purpose;

ç) Without prejudice to the provisions of subparagraph (c) of first paragraph, cannot include in the fund portfolio the assets and rights the transfer of which is subject to a restriction;

d) Cannot continuously engage in short-term real estate trading from the fund portfolio;

e) Cannot invest in commodities other than gold and other precious metals and in futures contracts on these underlying instruments;

f) Cannot short sell, the capital market instruments in the fund portfolio, engage in margin trading, and borrow capital market instruments;

g) Cannot make transactions beyond hedging purposes on fund portfolio by using derivative instruments. The amount of short position arising from the derivative instrument transactions cannot exceed 20% of fund total value. For the purposes of this subparagraph, net asset value at the end of the accounting period shall be used;

ğ) Cannot engage in real estate purchase, sale and lease activities abroad.

(3) Separate parts in the scope of the projects for which construction license has been obtained and which are realized by Prime Ministry Housing Development Administration (Başbakanlık Toplu Konut İdaresi Başkanlığı), İller Bankası A.Ş., municipalities and their subsidiaries, affiliates and/or companies to which the said institutions have the privilege to nominate candidates to their board of directors, regardless of the completion rate of construction, may be included in the fund portfolio.

(4) The fact that the construction registration certificate has been obtained within the scope of the temporary article 16 of the Construction Zoning Law numbered 3194 is considered sufficient for the fulfillment of the requirement of obtaining the residential usage permit in the paragraph (b) of the first paragraph.

### **Principles regarding project real estate investment funds**

**ARTICLE 18/A – (1)** It is possible to establish funds to invest exclusively in real estate projects where it is determined by a report to be prepared by independent real estate appraisal institutions that more than half of the total gross area of independent sections is allocated for residential use. The following principles shall apply to the funds to be established in this manner

a) It is mandatory to include the term “project real estate investment fund” in the titles of the funds to be established within the scope of this Article.

b) The fund portfolio may only consist of lands on which projects will be developed, real estate projects and money and capital market instruments listed in this Article. Real estates that have not been completed as of the date of investment may continue to be included in the portfolio following their completion.

c) Subparagraph (a) of the first paragraph of Article 19 shall not apply to project real estate investment funds.

**ç)** The cash in the portfolio can only be invested in units of mutual funds with short-term or money market in their titles, reverse repo, lease certificates issued by the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Treasury and Finance Varlık Kiralama Anonim Şirketi, public debt instruments, time deposits and participation accounts.

**d)** In addition to the lands under their own ownership, they may include in the fund portfolio the real estate projects realised on the lands owned by other persons or the public with whom they have entered into revenue sharing or land sale in return for flats agreements, and may invest in real estate projects by establishing a right of building or purchasing independent sections from ongoing projects. All legal requirements must be fulfilled in order to start the construction of the real estate project that meets the conditions specified in subparagraph (e) within 3 years at the latest on the lands registered in the name of the Fund in the title deed. Within the framework of the provisions of the contract to be concluded, the rights arising from the revenue sharing contracts to which the Fund will be a party must be attached to a mortgage, guarantee, surety or other collateral deemed appropriate by the Board. Founder is responsible for determining that the mortgage, guarantee or surety is of a nature to protect the rights of the Fund. In case the counterparty of the contract is banks established within the scope of the Law on Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Ziraat Bankası, Türkiye Halk Bankası Anonim Şirketi ve Türkiye Emlak Bankası Anonim Şirketi dated 15/11/2000 and numbered 4603 or the Law on Türkiye Vakıflar Bankası Türk Anonim Ortaklığı dated 11/1/1954 and numbered 6219, Savings Deposit Insurance Fund, Housing Development Administration, İller Bankası A.Ş., municipalities and their subsidiaries, affiliates and/or companies which are privileged to nominate candidates for the board of directors, the collateral in this subparagraph and the collateral requirements in subparagraph (e) are not required.

**e)** The real estate projects to be included in the portfolio must have all necessary permits obtained in accordance with the relevant legislation, the project must be ready and approved, all documents required by law for the commencement of construction must be fully and accurately available, and the project must be collateralised by building completion insurance, bank letter of guarantee, progress payment system or at least one of the methods deemed appropriate by the Board.

**f)** It is obligatory that all kinds of construction works of real estate projects and all kinds of construction works such as preparation, manufacturing, drilling, installation, modification, improvement, renewal, development, montage and similar construction works shall be carried out by the contractors specified in Article 22 within the scope of a contract containing the mutual rights and obligations of the parties arising from the construction works.

**g)** Sale and return of units in return for the assets that may be included in the portfolio may be realised in kind in accordance with the provisions of Article 16.

### **Limitations on fund portfolio**

**ARTICLE 19 – (1)** The following portfolio restrictions are abided by in the management of real estate investments included in the fund portfolio:

**a)** Real estate investments shall account for at least 80% of the fund net asset value. A maximum of %20 of the fund net assets value can be invested in shares of joint-stock companies of whose domestic real estate investments continuously form at least 75% of their total assets based on the financial statements prepared under the provisions of the legislation they are subject to.

**b) (REPEALED)**

c) The value of real estates and rights based on real estate stated in the sub-paragraph (c) of the first paragraph of Article 18 shall not exceed 30% of fund net assets value.

(2) Compliance with investment restrictions shall be assured as of the statement of net asset value disclosed at the end of the accounting period of the fund. The provisions of the first paragraph of Article 17 shall be reserved.

(3) Provided that an application is submitted to and deemed appropriate by the Board for granting time, in incidental cases such as the issuance of the fund units or change of the value of investments other than real estate investments leading to a breach of the restrictions on fund portfolio, a period of one year as of the end of the accounting period in which the non-compliance occurred may be granted to re-ensure the compliance with the fund portfolio restrictions. If the compliance with the fund portfolio restrictions cannot be reestablished by the end of the period granted by the Board, the fund's investment activities shall be terminated, and it is compulsory to apply to the Board with the request to allow the liquidation of the fund and following the approval to be granted by the Board the fund rules shall be removed from the trade registry within no later than two years as of the end of the period.

(4) Provided that an application is submitted to and deemed appropriate by the Board for granting time, when the compliance with the fund portfolio restrictions cannot be established due to such reasons as sales of real estate investments, an additional two years of period as of the end of the accounting period in which those transactions occurred may be granted to re-ensure the compliance with the fund portfolio restrictions. However, this period cannot be used more than once within each five years, including the year of non-compliance with the fund portfolio restrictions. If the compliance with the fund portfolio restrictions cannot be re-ensured by the end of the period granted by the Board, the fund's investment activities shall be terminated, and it is compulsory to apply to the Board with the request to allow the liquidation of the fund and following the approval to be granted by the Board the fund rules shall be removed from the trade registry within no later than two years as of the end of the period.

(5) Without prejudice to the subparagraph (a) of the first paragraph hereof, restrictions on the assets included in the fund portfolio, other than real estate investments are determined in the fund rules and the fund issuance agreement.

### **Contracts that must be recorded to land registry**

**ARTICLE 20 – (1)** It is compulsory to record the contractual rights of purchase, preemption and repurchase in favor of the fund, contracts providing rights for the fund such as real estate preliminary sales agreement, and rights of free advancement in rank of pledged receivables to the title-deed registry. However, if the counterparty of those agreements is the Housing Development Administration, İller Bankası A.Ş., municipalities and their subsidiaries, affiliates and/or companies to which the said institutions have the privilege to nominate candidates to their board of directors, then they are not required to be recorded to the land registry.

### **Operational services**

**ARTICLE 21 – (1)** Operational services for the real estates included in the fund portfolio shall be received from operating companies.

(2) If and to the extent the fund portfolio contains real estates aimed at generating rental income; the security, cleaning, general administration and similar other basic services for those real estates or for their independent units may be given only if and when an agreement is signed for provision of these services between the founder and the operating company.

(3) For advertisements and promotions aimed at marketing and improving the value of the real estates included in the fund portfolio, services shall be procured from the operating company or from other companies providing such services under the agreement pertaining thereto.

### **Construction services**

**ARTICLE 22 – (1)** All kinds of construction works, for real estates and real estate projects included in the fund portfolio are required to be performed by contractors under a contract which is signed between the contractor and the founder and includes the mutual rights and obligations of both parties. Contractor who will carry out construction works related to real estate projects must have a Group A or B contractor authorisation certificate as defined in the Regulation on Classification and Registration of Building Contractors published in the Official Gazette dated 2/3/2019 and numbered 30702. Founder determines the contractor by evaluating the experience and financial status of the contractor, the size of the real estate project and similar matters.

(2) Scope of agreement shall be freely determined by and between the parties; however, it shall cover at least the obligations of contractor, payment conditions, warranty conditions in case of defects, conditions of renunciation from agreement, indemnity rights of employer, and conditions of termination of agreement.

(3) The selection of the contractor and the agreement conditions shall be approved by the board of directors of the founder.

### **Borrowing limit**

**ARTICLE 23 – (1)** Funds may borrow credits or interest-free financing up to maximum 50% of their fund net assets value. This rate should be provided in the price reports which are announced at the end of the accounting period and subsequent accounting periods when the use of credit or non-interest financing is realized. In case of crediting or using interest-free financing the nature, the credit amount, interest rate, commissions and fees paid, date of borrowing, crediting institution, and date of repayment information shall be notified to the Board and to the fund unit holders by the most convenient communication instrument within 30 days as of the end of the relevant accounting period.

(2) In order to borrow credits pursuant to the first paragraph assets in the fund portfolio may be pledged and other limited real rights may be encumbered Without prejudice to the provisions of the subparagraph (c) of the first paragraph of Article 18, the portfolio assets shall in no case be disposed of in favor of third parties for any purpose other than the aforementioned purposes. Pledges and other limited real rights established on portfolio assets in order to borrow credits shall not be taken into consideration in calculation of the limit of 30% mentioned in the subparagraph (c) of the first paragraph of Article 19.

(3) Assets which are included in the fund portfolio and viable to make a repo transaction can be used to make a repo up to %10 of the current market price of those assets, and these repo transactions can be executed in the stock exchange or in the over-the-counter market or Money Market transactions can be executed in the of Settlement and Custody Corporation for credit purposes.

## Principles of valuation

**ARTICLE 24 – (1)** The valuation of fund assets and liabilities is governed by and subject to the valuation principles determined in the Board regulation on the financial reporting of investment funds.

## Principles on periodical reports

**ARTICLE 25 – (1)** Preparation of periodical reports and financial statements of funds and their notification to the Board and the qualified investors are subject to provisions of the Board regulations on the financial reporting principles of investment funds.

## Principles on performance fee and fund total expenses

**ARTICLE 26 – (1)** All expenses including incorporation expenses of the fund are paid out from the fund assets. The fund issuance agreement shows the upper limit of total expense ratio as a percentage of net assets value, applied for all expenses, also including portfolio management fee. It shall be indicated in the fund issuance agreement whether performance fee is included to the upper limit or not. Portfolio management fee may be determined as a fixed amount or as a certain ratio of the fund's portfolio value, total value or total assets, or by a method deemed appropriate by the Board.

**(2)** Providing that it is specified in the fund issuance agreement, performance fee may be accrued to and be collected from the fund or fund unit holders by the founder and portfolio manager.

**(3)** It is compulsory to inform the investors to which the fund units will be sold about the accrual and collection of the performance fee in writing and to take a written declaration regarding the acceptance of the procedures and principles regarding the accrual and collection from the investors and to keep the declaration throughout the term of the fund and for the following 5 years by the organization carrying out the fund unit marketing and distribution activities. With regards to the funds whose fund units are traded in the Exchange, the decision of the founder's board of directors determining the procedures and principles of accrual and collection of performance fee shall be disclosed also in PDP. It is not compulsory to take the declaration stated in the first sentence from the investors to purchase fund units from the Exchange.

**(4)** In case the performance fee is accrued to and collected from the fund, portfolio depository institution controls whether the calculation and if any, refund amount of performance fee comply with the procedures and principles determined by the founder's board of directors decision and if non-compliance is detected, then it demands the founder to eliminate the irregularities.

**(5)** In case the performance fee is collected from the fund unit holders, the information regarding the calculation of the performance fee shall be notified to fund unit holders through the most appropriate communication within 15 days following the collection.

**(6)** Funds whose performance fee is accrued to the fund unit holders cannot be traded at the Exchange.

**(7)** The Board's regulations on performance-based remuneration do not apply to these funds.

## Principles on profit distribution

**ARTICLE 27 – (1)** Fund may distribute profit to fund unit holders under the principles determined in the fund issuance agreement.

## FIFTH PART Principles on Appraisal of Real Estates

### Transactions requiring appraisal

**ARTICLE 28 – (1)** For the following transactions, funds are required to determine the market value and current rental amount of the assets and right:

- a) Sales of the real estates and real estate based rights included in the portfolio, or change the qualification or type of those real estates and rights, or purchase of the real estates and real estate based rights into the portfolio;
- b) Renting the real estates into the portfolio;
- c) Renting of the real estates for sublease;
- ç) Renewal or extension of rent contracts of real estates which are rented;
- d) Establishment of pledge on real estates;
- e) Inclusion to or exclusion from the portfolio of other assets that are required for appraisal by the Board;
- f) Determination of end-of-year value of assets included in the portfolio;
- g) Issuance of fund units by transferring real estates, separate parts in the scope of the real estate projects mentioned in the third paragraph of Article 18 and real estate based rights to the fund;
- ğ) Return of fund units to the fund by transferring real estates and real estate based rights in the fund portfolio to the investors;
- h) Obtaining construction registration certificate for the real estates in the fund portfolio within the scope of the temporary article 16 of the Construction Zoning Law numbered 3194.

**(2)** Market values and current rental amount of assets and rights to be included in the portfolio shall be appraised by the real estate appraisal firms.

**(3)** Value assessment to be made under the subparagraph (f) of the first paragraph, the real estate appraisal process shall have been completed as of no later than the last day of the relevant year.

**(4)** The period between the ending date of real estate appraisal process and the report date cannot exceed five business days, and the real estate appraisal report shall be delivered to the founder within two business days as of the report date. Appraisal reports shall be kept by the founder and if any, the portfolio manager for at least 10 years as of the appraisal date, or in case of a dispute, until the resolution of the dispute.

(5) Provisions of third and fourth paragraphs shall be included in the agreement to be signed between the founder and the real estate appraisal firm.

(6) Purchases for, sales from and leases to the fund portfolio shall be done by using the values determined pursuant to this Article. By considering the current market or payment conditions, if and when the purchase price is higher than the values found in the appraisal activity, or the sales or lease price is lower than the values found in the appraisal activity, then fund unit holders shall be notified by the most convenient communication instrument during the relevant year.

(7) In cases where an appraisal report is required to be prepared within the scope of the first paragraph, if there is an appraisal report prepared within three months before the date of the transaction, it is not compulsory to prepare a new report.

### **Choice of real estate appraisal firm**

**ARTICLE 29 – (1)** Real estate appraisal firm to be assigned for appraisal of real estates and real estate based rights pursuant to Article 28 hereinabove:

- a) Are required to have been listed by the Board; and
- b) Under the provisions of the regulations of the Board pertaining to real estate appraisal firms and within the framework of the capital markets regulations, shall be independent from:
  - 1) Partners of the founder and if any, the portfolio manager holding 10% or more of the capital shares or voting rights;
  - 2) Partners of the founder and if any, the portfolio manager holding shares giving the privilege of nomination of candidates to the board of directors;
  - 3) The founder and if any, the portfolio manager;
  - 4) Other companies which are listed in the subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3) hereinabove holding more than 10% of capital shares or voting rights;
  - 5) Related parties of the founder and if any, the portfolio manager.

(2) Within one month as of the end of every month, by a board of directors decision the founder shall determine one appraisal firm to be assigned for appraisal of each asset of the fund portfolio required to be appraised, and not more than two appraisal firms to be assigned for appraisal of assets which will be added to the fund portfolio during that year and will require an appraisal, and to inform the portfolio depository institution about the appraisal institutions determined and to disclose in PDP. The appraisal firm chosen as above may be changed only upon an approval of the Board following submission to the Board of the reason of such change.

(3) Funds may receive appraisal services from the same real estate appraisal firm for appraisal of each asset included in their fund portfolio at most three consecutive years. After the end of this three years of period or interruption of service for any reason, the fund may receive services from the same real estate appraisal firm only after lapse of at least two years.

## **Provisions on appraisal reports**

**ARTICLE 30 – (1)** Appraisal reports to be prepared pursuant to Article 28 shall comply with the principles under the Board regulations pertaining to the firms assigned for appraisal services under the capital markets legislation and to regulation of the Board regarding the listing of those firms and the international appraisal standards in capital markets.

## **SIXTH PART Miscellaneous and Final Provisions**

### **Obligation to inform**

**ARTICLE 31 – (1)** If and when required, the Board may request information from the funds, unbounded by the periods stated in this Communiqué.

**(2)** Upon occurrence of extraordinary events or situations such as war, natural disasters, economic crisis, collapse of communication systems, closure of relevant markets, segments or platforms for the assets, failures in computer systems, or emergence of a major or significant information that may affect the fund net assets value, the appraisal principles may be determined by the board of directors of the founder. In this case, appraisal principles shall be written in the decisions book including their rationale and shall be reported to the Board and the portfolio depository. Furthermore, such events and situations shall be reported to the fund unit holders by the most convenient communication instrument.

**(3)** The founder and if any, the portfolio manager shall provide the fund unit holders with information on the real estate investments, including that information on relations, if any, of the persons responsible from fund management with these investments, within 15 days as of the date of investment by the most convenient communication instrument.

**(4)** The founder shall send both the optional and the compulsory real estate appraisal reports pursuant to the provisions of this Communiqué, and the appraisal reports relating to other assets included in the fund portfolio including their annexes to the portfolio depository institution for considerations in the scope of Portfolio Depository Communiqué, within 10 business days as of the date of receipt. One copy of each of appraisal report shall be kept ready for inspection by investors at the founder's headquarters and shall also be sent to the investors upon their demand, in the sole cost of investors.

### **Termination of fund and liquidation of fund property**

**ARTICLE 32 – (1)** The regulations of the Board regarding investment funds shall be applicable by analogy on the termination and the liquidation of funds.

## Board's audit

**ARTICLE 33 – (1)** All fund-related accounts and transactions of the founder, and if any, portfolio manager and portfolio depository shall be subject to audit of the Board.

## Board's fee

**ARTICLE 34 – (1)** A fee calculated by the founder and approved by the portfolio depository at a rate of five per one hundred thousands of the fund net assets value as of the last business day of the quarterly periods of the calendar year basis pursuant to the third paragraph of Article 130 of the Law shall be deposited by the founder in the Board's Account within the next ten business days, and a copy of each of the related receipts and calculation documents shall be submitted to the Board.

## Other provisions

**ARTICLE 35 – (1)** It is mandatory for these funds to create Public Disclosure Platform page, to fill the general and summary information on this page and to disclose the fund rules, issuance documents, amendment texts of fund rules/issuance documents and financial reports in the Public Disclosure Platform without prejudice to confidentiality of trade secrets. The other provisions of the Communiqué on Principles of Investment Funds (III-52.1) pertaining to the determination and public disclosure of upper limit of total expense ratio, and the obligations of disclosing in the Public Disclosure Platform shall not be applicable for these funds.

**(2)** The Fund cannot be merged with or converted into another fund.

**(3)** Any and all matters on which this Communiqué remains silent shall be subject to the provisions of the Communiqué on Principles of Investment Funds (III-52.1).

**(4)** It is mandatory that the promotions and advertisements in relation to the fund must include the qualified investor definition specified in the Board regulations and the information that it shall be made to qualified investors who meet the required conditions.

**(5)** If and when fund units of funds founded or managed by the founder or if any, the portfolio manager or other persons who are directly or indirectly related to them in terms of management or capital are included in the fund portfolio, entry or exit commissions shall not be paid for these funds.

**(6)** To the extent this Communiqué remains silent the provisions of the Communiqué on Sales of Capital Market Instruments (II-5.2) published in the Official Gazette edition 28691 on 28/6/2013 shall be applicable by analogy on the matters relating to the sales of the fund units to the qualified investors.

**(7)** To the extent this Communiqué remains silent, the provisions of the Communiqué on Prospectus and

Issue Document (II-5.1) published in the Official Gazette edition 28685 on 22/6/2013 shall be applicable by analogy on the matters relating to the issue document.

### **Transitory Provisions**

**TEMPORARY ARTICLE 1 – (1)** Funds that are allowed to be established before the publication of this Article are obliged to comply with the provision of the first paragraph of Article 35 as of 30/9/2018 at the latest.

#### **(2) (REPEALED)**

**(3)** The issuance documents of the funds of which the issuance documents has been approved as of the effective date of this paragraph shall include the information whether performance fee will be collected from the fund or the fund unit holders and current calculations of performance fee in the issuance documents will be removed by the founders and necessary actions will be made in accordance with the second and third paragraphs of Article 26. Board approval is not required for such amendments of issuance documents. The amendment in the issuance document shall be communicated to fund unit holders through the most appropriate communication.

### **Existing Applications**

**TEMPORARY ARTICLE 2 – (1)** The amendments made by the Communiqué introducing this Article shall be applied for the finalisation of the applications that have not been decided by the Board as of the effective date of this Article.

**(2)** Founders of funds, whose fund units have been issued as of the effective date of this article and whose portfolio complies with the provisions of article 18/A, may apply to the Board within one month at the latest as of the effective date of this article with a request to amend the information document in order to include the term 'project' in the title of the relevant fund, provided that it is declared that a fund issuance agreement has been signed with all fund unit holders.

**(3)** It is obligatory to comply with the provisions of the thirteenth paragraph of article 13 and the principles set forth in Annex 2 until 31/12/2024 by the funds whose fund units have been issued as of the effective date of this article. Provided that it is declared by the founders that a fund issuance agreement has been signed with all fund unit holders within this period, the provision of subparagraph (b) of the second paragraph of Article 14 shall be applied for the amendments to the information document to be made within the scope of this article. In the presence of reasonable grounds to be deemed appropriate by the Board, the period specified in this paragraph may be extended up to six months.

**Effective date**

**ARTICLE 36 – (1)** This Communiqué shall become effective as of 1/7/2014.

**Enforcement**

**ARTICLE 37 – (1)** The provisions of this Communiqué shall be executed by the Capital Markets Board.

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## Annex 1

### Minimum Contents of Fund Rules

- a) Name, type and term of the fund;
- b) Name/Title and address of founder, manager and portfolio depository;
- c) Relating to the fund, general principles regarding assets to be invested and portfolio management principles, trading of fund units including the applicable price, management and safekeeping of assets, portfolio appraisal principles, expenditures from fund assets, transfer of fund's net income to fund unit holders, announcement period of fund unit prices, and conditions of the purchase and redemption of the fund units; and share groups if any;
- ç) Methods of liquidation of the fund;
- d) Principles on collection of performance fee from the fund or the fund unit holders and profit distribution; and,
- e) Other contents to be determined by the Board.

**Annex 2**  
**Minimum Contents of Issue Document**

- a) Title and term of the fund, starting date of sales, distribution channels.
- b) Title and address of founder, manager and portfolio depository.
- c) Information on outsourced services.
- ç) Fund unit share principles regarding the price announcement period.
- d) Information regarding from where the fund rules and financial reports can be obtained.
- e) Title of the fund auditor.
- f) Other contents to be determined by the Board.

**Annex 3**

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## Annex 4

### Minimum Contents of Fund Issuance Agreement

- a) Principles regarding the investment strategy of the Fund.
- b) Principles regarding the Fund's investment limitations and risks.
- c) Principles regarding the management and custody of the portfolio.
- ç) Principles regarding the expenditures that may be made from the assets of the Fund.
- d) Principles regarding the transfer of fund income and expense difference to the holders of fund units.
- e) Procedures and principles regarding the notification of the values of fund units to the investors.
- f) Procedures and principles regarding the purchase and sale of participation shares.
- g) Principles regarding the rights and obligations of share groups, if any,
- ğ) Principles regarding the valuation of the portfolio.
- h) Principles on entry and exit commissions.
- ı) Principles regarding the collection of performance fee from the fund or fund unit holders and profit distribution.
- i) Conditions for joining and leaving the fund.
- j) Principles on whether the return of fund units to the fund will be made in cash and/or through the transfer of real estate an real estate based rights to the investors.

**k)** Total expense ratio and management fee of the fund.

**l)** In case it is possible to purchase and sell the fund units at a price other than the unit share price, principles of the calculation and application of such price.

**m)** Principles for informing the investors.

**n)** Principles on amendments to the agreement and the announcement of such amendments to investors.

**o)** Information on the liquidation of the fund.

**ö)** Other matters to be determined by the Board.

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**List regarding the amendments to the Communiqué:**

- 1- Communiqué (III-52.3.a) amending the Communiqué On Real Estate Investment Funds (III-52.3) was published in the Official Gazette dated 31/12/2014 and numbered 29222 (repetitive 4).
- 2- Communiqué (III-52.3.b) amending the Communiqué On Real Estate Investment Funds (III-52.3) was published in the Official Gazette dated 30/11/2016 and numbered 29904.
- 3- Communiqué (III-52.3.c) amending the Communiqué On Real Estate Investment Funds (III-52.3) was published in the Official Gazette dated 30/06/2018 and numbered 30464.
- 4- Communiqué (III-52.3.ç) amending the Communiqué On Real Estate Investment Funds (III-52.3) was published in the Official Gazette dated 20/12/2018 and numbered 30631.
- 5- Communiqué (III-52.3.d) amending the Communiqué On Real Estate Investment Funds (III-52.3) was published in the Official Gazette dated 6/7/2019 and numbered 30823.
- 6- Communiqué (III-52.3.e) amending the Communiqué On Real Estate Investment Funds (III-52.3) was published in the Official Gazette dated 1/12/2021 and numbered 31676.
- 7- Communiqué (III-52.3.f) amending the Communiqué On Real Estate Investment Funds (III-52.3) was published in the Official Gazette dated 17/7/2024 and numbered 32604.

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