

Mercia Knowledge-intensive EIS Fund 2023/24- Application Form Guidance Notes

If you need any help filling in this form, please call +44 (0) 330 223 1430 or email enquiries@merciamanagement.co.uk.

Prior to completing this application form, please make sure you have read and that you understand all of the information associated with the Fund, including the investment objectives and risk warnings within the Information Memorandum.

How to fill in this application form:

- 1) As the investor, please fill in page 2 with your personal details
- 2) Please then enter the amount you would like to subscribe to the fund within page 3 and in the relevant box please advise us of any adviser fee payable
- 3) At the bottom of page 3, please read and confirm your acceptance of the statements by ticking the relevant boxes, sign, print your name, and date the page to confirm that you accept the terms
- 4) Your adviser will need to fill in their details on page 4

Once the application has been filled in:

- 5) Please send the completed form to eisinvestors@merciamanagement.co.uk
- 6) We will write to you to confirm once the account has been opened
- 7) Once written confirmation has been received, please send the subscription via bank transfer to:
 - Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland
 - Account name: Mainspring Nominees Limited
 - Sort code: 16-01-09
 - Account Number: 00671054
 - Reference: Please use your surname and first initial as the reference

Additional notes:

This application form incorporates by reference the Information Memorandum. Unless otherwise stated, Capitalised terms used in this Application Form are defined in the Information Memorandum.

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Personal Details

Please complete the following in **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr Other Please specify:

Forename(s):

Surname(s):

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

Nationalities:

Permanent residential address & no. of years at this address: Previous address (if less than 3 years):

House name/no: House name/no:

Address 1: Address 1:

Address 2: Address 2:

Town/City: Town/City:

County: County:

Postcode: Postcode:

Daytime phone number:

If you **do not** want email to be used as the primary route for correspondence, tick here:

Email address:

National Insurance Number:

Unique Taxpayer Reference Number:

Tax residence: UK Other Please specify:

Please provide your tax identification number(s) in relation to any other tax residencies:

Are you a US person? Yes No
Applications will only be accepted from a US Person if they reside in the UK, provide evidence that they pay UK tax and complete a W-9 Form.

Are you a Politically Exposed Person ("PEP") Yes No
If you are a PEP, are you a:
Foreign PEP Domestic PEP International organisation PEP Family member of a PEP Close associate of a PEP

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Subscription

I hereby apply to invest £ I note that fees will be taken from this amount as per page 19 of the Information Memorandum

to pay an adviser fee, including VAT where applicable, of either % or £ deducted from my subscription.

Notes: If you would like a specific Net Subscription amount invested, please contact either your adviser or enquiries@merciamerica.co.uk to confirm the Gross Subscription payable.

Signature and declarations

By completing and signing this application form, I confirm that:

- i. I am applying on my own behalf based on the information provided by Mercia;
- ii. I have taken advice from the adviser listed in the Adviser Information section, who has confirmed this investment is suitable for my needs and objectives;
- iii. My identity may be checked by electronic means such as the use of data held by specialised data agencies. I note that additional AML documentation may be requested in addition to this, if necessary, to meet regulatory requirements;
- iv. I am a UK taxpayer and therefore I wish to seek Tax Reliefs. If this is incorrect, please inform enquiries@merciamerica.co.uk. The tax reliefs available will depend on your personal circumstances and any changes to the tax laws or rates of relief may negatively affect the tax efficiency of this investment.
- v. As per section 13.1 (b) of the Investor's Agreement, I will notify the Manager of any investment with which I am connected within Section 163 and Sections 166 to 171 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (EIS)
- vi. I will notify the Manager if, within three years of the date of issue of Shares by an EIS Qualifying Company I become connected with that company or receive value from it.

Please tick the following boxes to confirm;

I am aware of and understand the investment objectives and risks of the Mercia Knowledge-intensive EIS Fund and confirm that these are consistent with my own personal financial objectives and risk appetite

I have read the Mercia Knowledge-intensive EIS Fund Information Memorandum and Investor's Agreement. If my application is accepted, my application will form part of the Investor's Agreement and I agree to observe, perform and be bound by the provisions of the Investor's Agreement.

I have read and kept a copy of the Key Information Document relating to the Mercia Knowledge-intensive EIS Fund.

I have accessed the Custody Agreement which forms the contract between me as the investor, Mainspring, as the custodian and Mercia as the fund manager which is accessed here: <https://systems.mainspringfs.com/documents/merciamerica/custody-agreement/knq>.

I confirm I have read, understood and accept terms of the Custody Agreement and acknowledge that the terms of the Custody Agreement will become applicable upon execution of this Application Form, and I consent to Mercia entering into the Custody Agreement with the Custodian;

I acknowledge that my investments will be registered in the name of the Nominee but they will be held on trust by the Nominee and I will remain the beneficial owner of the investments

I give my permission for the firm advising me on this investment, as listed in the Adviser Information section, to be provided with access to Mercia's systems in order to view my investment.

Please sign and date this form to confirm that the information provided is accurate to the best of your knowledge.

By signing this form, you are executing an investment in Mercia Knowledge-intensive EIS Fund 2023/24.

Full name of applicant:

Investor Signature:

Date:

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Adviser Information

Firm details

Adviser firm name:

FRN registration:

Stamp of Financial Intermediary or full address:

Adviser details

Name of the adviser confirming suitability:

Telephone number:

Email address:

The adviser named above will automatically be given an account to view the investment on Mercia's Investor Centre. If you would like any additional accounts setting up, please email enquiries@mercia.co.uk

Payment of adviser fee (if applicable)

Bank or building society:

Sort Code:

Account Number:

Adviser declaration

By signing this declaration, you confirm that:

- you have read and understood the Information Memorandum and Investor Agreement for the fund and shared these with your client;
- you have undertaken an assessment of the applicant's expertise, experience, knowledge, financial circumstances and objectives and have reached the conclusion that this fund is suitable for them.
- you are happy for Mercia to rely on your personal recommendation
- you agree that Mercia will not be liable to you in respect of any adviser charge owed to you by the Applicant, especially where we have received instructions not to pay the charge;

Signature of adviser listed above:

Date: