## Exhibit C

## INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Agreement dated as of July 1, 2003, between Fairfield Sigma Limited, a British Virgin Islands corporation (the "Fund"), having its registered office at the CITCO Building, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and Fairfield Greenwich (Bermuda) Ltd., a corporation organized under the laws of the Bermuda (the "Investment Manager"), having an office at 14 Par La Ville Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Hamilton, Bermuda.

WHEREAS, the Fund wishes to obtain the investment management services of the Investment Manager with respect to the assets underlying the Fund's Class A and Class B Shares; and

WHEREAS, the Investment Manager is willing to provide such advice and services on the terms and conditions set forth below,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The Fund hereby retains the Investment Manager to manage the investment of its assets as contemplated by and described in (i) the Confidential Private Placement Memorandum of the Fund regarding what are now its Class A Shares, as amended February 1, 2003; and (ii) the Confidential Private Placement Memorandum of the Fund regarding its Class B Shares, dated July 1, 2003, as each of such Confidential Private Placement Memorandum may be amended (collectively, the "Memoranda"). All capitalized terms not defined herein shall be defined as set forth in the Memoranda. Such management will include, but shall not be limited to, purchasing

shares in Fairfield Sentry Limited, a British Virgin Islands corporation ("FSL"), whose investment manager is the Investment Manager, which invests the predominant portion of its assets utilizing a nontraditional options trading strategy described as "split strike conversion" (the "SSC Investments"). A portion of FSL's assets may, in the discretion of the Investment Manager, be allocated to alternative investment opportunities other than the SSC Investments under certain conditions and limitations, as described in the Confidential Private Placement Memorandum of FSL, dated July 1, 2003, as such Confidential Private Placement Memorandum may be amended (the FSL Memorandum"). The Fund shall utilize the assets underlying the Class A Shares of the Fund to purchase the Class A Shares of FSL and shall utilize the assets underlying its Class B Shares to purchase Class B Shares of FSL. The Investment Manager shall also establish an account in the name of the Fund at a nonaffiliated bank to hedge the currency exposure of the Fund's Euro denominated shareholders of the Fund's Class A and Class B Shares resulting from the Fund holding assets denominated in U.S. dollars.

2. The activities engaged in by the Investment Manager on behalf of the Fund shall be subject to the policies and control of the Fund's Directors. Subject to such direction and the investment policies set forth in the Memoranda, the Investment Manager shall use its best efforts to (a) oversee and monitor the Fund's investment in FSL; (b) provide information in connection with the preparation of all reports to the Fund's shareholders described in the Memoranda; and (c) arrange for and oversee the services of the Fund's administrator, custodian, auditors and counsel to act on behalf of the Fund; provided, however, that the Investment Manager is not authorized to enter into agreements in the name of the Fund with such providers of services.

- 3. Within 5 days after the end of each of the first three weeks of each month and within 10 days after the end of each month or fiscal quarter of the Fund, as the case may be, the Investment Manager shall send to the Fund weekly and monthly valuations of the Fund's investment in FSL and its currency hedging account. The Investment Manager shall cause any and all documentation respecting such investments to be sent to the Fund. The Investment Manager shall be available at all times, upon reasonable notice, for consultation with the Directors of the Fund in connection with the investments of the Fund.
- 4. The Investment Manager shall for all purposes be an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of the Fund, and the Investment Manager shall have no authority to act for, represent, bind or obligate the Fund except as specifically provided herein.
- 5. The Investment Manage may delegate its duties hereunder or assign this Agreement in its entirety to a wholly-owned subsidiary or an affiliate without the further consent of the Fund.
- 6. All investments of the Fund shall at all times conform to and be in accordance with the requirements imposed by:
  - (a) any provisions of applicable law; and
  - (b) provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, Memorandum of Association, and Articles of Association of the Fund, as amended from time to time.

The Fund shall furnish the Investment Manager with a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation, Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association, of the Fund as in effect at the commencement of this Agreement and, thereafter, shall promptly furnish the Investment Manager with copies of such documents as they may be amended from time to time.

- 7. The Fund shall bear, for each year, all expenses in maintaining the Fund's offices and all other expenses incurred in the operation of the Fund, including all continuing offering costs (including legal fees), the ordinary and necessary expenses related to the Fund's investment and trading activities (including transactional costs, escrow and custodial fees), all legal and auditing fees, and fees and expenses relating to any extraordinary circumstances, such as tax examinations and litigation involving the Fund.
- 8. The Fund shall not pay the Investment Manager either a management fee or performance fee. Any fees incident to the Fund's investment in FSL shall be paid to the Investment Manager by FSL; with the Fund's Class A Shares bearing the cost of the fees paid to the Investment Manager by FSL on account of FSL's Class A Shares and the Fund's Class B Shares bearing the cost of the fees paid to the Investment Manager on account of FSL's Class B Shares, as described in the FSL Memorandum.
- 9. The Investment Manager will render the services set forth in this Agreement at its own expense, including without limitation, the salaries of employees necessary for such services, the rent and utilities for the facilities provided, and other advisory and operating expenses, except as assumed by the Fund in paragraph 7, above; provided, however, that the Fund shall pay Fairfield Greenwich Advisors LLC, an affiliate of the Investment Manager, an amount equal to

one-fortieth of one percent (0.025%) of the net asset value of the Fund as of the last day of each calendar quarter. Such payment shall be made within ten (10) business days after the end of each calendar quarter.

- 10. (a) The Investment Manager shall not be liable for any error of judgment or for any loss suffered by the Fund in connection with the subject matter of this Agreement, except loss resulting from willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of the Investment Manager's obligations and duties, or by reason of the Investment Manager's reckless disregard of their obligations and duties hereunder.
- (b) The Investment Manager, its directors, officers and employees, agents and counsel (each, an "Investment Manager Indemnitee"), shall not be subject to, and the Fund shall indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by law and hold each Investment Manager Indemnitee free and harmless from and against, any and all claims, demands, liability or expenses for any loss suffered by the Fund arising out or any act or omission of an Investment Manager Indemnitee relating to the Fund, except to the extent such act or omission constitutes willful misconduct, or reckless disregard of the duties of the Investment Manager or on the part of the Investment Manager Indemnitee.
- 11. The Investment Manager and each of its respective shareholders, directors, employees and officers, may engage simultaneously with their investment management activities on behalf of the Fund in other businesses, and may render services similar to those described in this Agreement for other individuals, companies, trusts or persons, and shall not by reason of engaging in such other businesses or rendering of services for others be deemed to be acting in conflict with the interests of the Fund.

- 12. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect on the date of this Agreement and shall continue until the termination by either party on written notice ten days prior to the end of any calendar quarter. During the period between the date when notice of termination is deemed given hereunder and the effective date of termination, the rights, powers and duties of the Investment Manager shall remain in full force and effect but shall be subject to the right of the Fund to direct the liquidation of any investment, which direction shall be given in writing or by telex. The Fund represents, covenants and agrees that its decision to terminate this Agreement shall require a unanimous affirmative vote of directors for so long as the Fund has three or less directors and a vote of 75% of the directors casting votes at such time as the Fund has more than three directors.
- 13. Any notice required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sent by registered or certified air mail, postage prepaid, with return receipt requested, or by means of telecopy or other wire transmission (with request for assurance of receipt in a manner typical with respect to communications of that type), to the Fund and Investment Manager at the respective addresses indicated in the Memoranda, or to such other addresses as the parties may hereafter direct in writing. The effective date of any notice given by mail shall be ten days after the date of mailing thereof; any notice to any party having a telecopy or telex number for the receipt at its address for notice hereunder of messages by transmission by telecopy or telex shall be deemed given when transmitted by telecopy or telex addressed to such party at such telecopy or telex number.

- 14. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns, and shall not be modified, except in writing, nor assigned by either party without the consent of the other party.
- 15. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Bermuda without regard to the principles of conflicts of laws thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day first above written.

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