HSBC Asset Management

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This document contains important information about the sub-fund(s) in which you are invested.

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Dear Shareholder,

We, HSBC Global Asset Management (Singapore) Limited, are the Singapore Representative of HSBC Global Investment Funds – Global Lower Carbon Bond, which is registered as a Recognised and Restricted Scheme^ in Singapore.

We, the board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**"), are writing to inform you of forthcoming changes to the HSBC Global Investment Funds sub-fund listed below (the "**Sub-Fund**"), in one or more of which you own shares.

- HSBC Global Investment Funds – Global Lower Carbon Bond

The changes affecting the Sub-Fund are summarised as follows:

- Change of Settlement Period for HSBC Global Investment Funds
- Changes Pertaining to HSBC Asset Management's Responsible Investment Policies
- Change Pertaining to Expected Leverage Target
- Clarification of Investment Objective

Change of Settlement Period for HSBC Global Investment Funds

Background

Markets around the world are moving towards shortened standard settlement cycles to reduce costs, increase market efficiencies and reduce settlement and counterparty risk. After a recent period where the majority of global markets were on a synchronised T+2 settlement cycle, more markets are moving to T+1.

In February 2023, the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) adopted an amendment which brings T+1 into the US market by 28 May 2024. The Canadian Capital Markets Association also announced Canada will transition a day earlier on 27 May 2024. It is expected Mexico will also transition to T+1 on 27 May 2024. Other markets are broadly expected to follow suit in the coming years.

The Change

The Company currently has an investor settlement cycle of T+4 for subscription and T+4 for redemption. The Company has a significant exposure to US securities which from 28 May 2024 will settle on a T+1 basis. This means that the current investor settlement cycle for subscription and redemption need to be shortened to avoid a settlement mismatch.

The Board in consultation with the Management Company and the Investment Advisor have therefore decided that the settlement cycle for both subscription and redemption should be shortened by one day to T+3.

Effective Date

The above change will take effect on 28 May 2024 (the "**Effective Date**").

Shareholders should be aware that all subscription and redemption orders placed on or after Tuesday 28 May 2024 will settle on a T+3 basis.

Impact on Shareholders

From the Effective Date, Shareholders are expected to submit the cleared monies no later than three Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day. Likewise, Shareholders will receive redemption proceeds within three Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day.

Actions to be taken

Shareholders should update their systems and records as appropriate as at the Effective Date to reflect the new settlement cycle to avoid any issues or confusion.

Changes Pertaining to HSBC Asset Management's Responsible Investment Policies

A change will be made to the structure of the Prospectus in terms of its references to HSBC Asset Management's responsible investment policy and excluded activities, which will also come into effect on the date of the next visa stamped Prospectus. As a result, exclusion criteria have been removed (where appropriate) from the sub-fund Investment Policies and a new section will be added providing an outline of the policies and which existing exclusions will apply, including banned weapons, controversial weapons, thermal coal, tobacco and non-compliance with United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Principles.

Certain sub-funds will now follow additional exclusions, including arctic oil and gas, oil sands and shale oil which are covered under HSBC Asset Management's new Energy Policy.

Rather than include the specific exclusions to each sub-fund under the individual sub-fund sections, a matrix covering the exclusions applicable to each sub-fund has been added in Appendix 6 of the new Prospectus for clarity purposes.

In addition, all sub-funds' investment objectives as well as the pre-contractual disclosures for Article 8 and 9 sub-funds under SFDR have been amended accordingly.

Change Pertaining to Expected Leverage Target

In relation to the Risk Management of the Sub-Fund, its expected leverage, under normal market conditions, calculated as the sum of the notionals of the financial derivative instruments used, will increase as follows:

Sub-Funds	Current average expected level of leverage	New average expected level of leverage
Global Lower Carbon Bond	75%	125%

Clarification of Investment Objective

The investment objective and pre-contractual disclosure of the Sub-Fund are being updated to provide greater clarity with regard to the predominant Lower Carbon Criteria used to achieve the Sub-Fund's investment objective. As a result, we clarify that the Lower Carbon Criteria for the Sub-Fund may now include, but will not be limited to:

- excluding issuers with high carbon intensity relative to their sector;
- excluding issuers with insufficient data to establish their carbon intensity; and

- including "green bonds" meeting the Green Bond Principles of the International Capital Market Association. Such green bonds are not subject to the aforementioned exclusions.

Impact on Shareholders of the changes detailed above

The Board would like to assure Shareholders that the Sub-Fund's investment objectives and/or the way it is managed and/or its risk rating will not change. There will be no change to the charges and expenses relating to the Sub-Fund following these changes.

In particular, the Board would like to assure Shareholders that the change mentioned under "Clarification of Investment Objective" has no impact on the Sub-Fund's investment objective which has always been to achieve a carbon intensity lower than the reference benchmark of the Sub-Fund. This change has no impact on the way the Sub-Fund is managed, its portfolio composition, its risk rating, and the charges and expenses relating to the Sub-Fund.

Finally, the decision to increase the expected level of leverage of the Sub-Fund was made to grant more flexibility to the Investment Adviser to manage the Sub-Fund in accordance with its risk profile and investment objective. This will not result in a change of the types of use of financial derivative instrument for the Sub-Fund.

Therefore, the changes detailed above are sent to you for your information only and no action is required on your part.

The prospectus, and where applicable the information memorandum for Restricted Scheme^, will be updated in due course and made available in the Fund Centre at www.assetmanagement.hsbc.com/fundinfo or from the registered address of the Company.

Please take a moment to review the above information. If you still have questions, please contact your local agent or HSBC Asset Management office.

For and on behalf of the Board of HSBC Global Investment Funds

On behalf of HSBC Global Asset Management (Singapore) Limited

^ Restricted scheme may not be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor pursuant to Section 304 of the SFA, in accordance with the conditions specified in that section, (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 305(1), or any person pursuant to Section 305(2), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 305 of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the Units are subscribed or purchased under Section 305 of the SFA by a relevant person which is (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor, the securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferable within 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Units pursuant to an offer made under Section 305 of the SFA except (1) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person as defined in Section 305(5) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section

305A(3)(i)(B) of the SFA; (2) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer; (3) where the transfer is by operation of law; or (4) as specified in Section 305A(5) of the SFA.