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Dear Shareholder,

We, HSBC Global Asset Management (Singapore) Limited, are the Singapore Representative of HSBC Global Investment Funds – Ultra Short Duration Bond (the "sub-fund") registered **as a Recognised and Restricted^ Scheme in Singapore**.

We are writing to inform you that the investment objective for HSBC Global Investment Funds – Ultra Short Duration Bond, a sub-fund in which you own shares (the "Sub-Fund"), has been enhanced to provide greater clarity.

In addition, from 3 January 2022 the Sub-Fund will participate in the securities lending program of HSBC Global Investment Funds. A securities lending agent has been appointed to manage the lending process.

The enhancement of the Sub-Fund's investment objective and the introduction of securities lending does not signify a change to the Sub-Fund's core investment objective or risk rating. The continuing aim of the Sub-Fund is to provide short term total return by investing in bonds and money market instruments. Fees paid by shareholders will not change.

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

You do not need to take any action. However, you do have three options that are explained below.

The Investment Objective Enhancements

Current Investment Objective

The sub-fund aims to provide short term total return by investing in bonds and money market instruments and whose typical average duration is not expected to exceed one year.

The sub-fund invests in normal market conditions a minimum of 70% of its net assets in either fixed or floating-rate income and other similar securities including money market instruments which are rated Investment Grade at the time of purchase. Such securities are either issued or guaranteed by governments, government agencies and supranational bodies of developed or Emerging Markets or by companies which are domiciled in, based in, or carry out the larger part of their business in, developed or Emerging Markets.

The sub-fund will invest less than 30% of its net assets in Non-Investment Grade rated and unrated fixed income securities. The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its net assets in securities issued by or guaranteed by any single sovereign issuer with a credit rating below Investment Grade.

New Investment Objective

The sub-fund aims to provide short term total return by investing in bonds and money market instruments and whose typical average duration is not expected to exceed one year. In normal market conditions, the average duration of the portfolio holdings of the Sub-Fund is not expected to exceed one year, which is considered to be "ultra-short" duration.

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The sub-fund may enter into Securities Lending transactions for up to 29% of its net assets, however this is not expected to exceed 25%.

# Rationale and Benefit of Engaging in Securities Lending

Securities lending, through a lending agent, is standard market practice for collective investment schemes such as HSBC Global Investment Funds.

Borrowers are charged a fee by the sub-funds which, after deducting the lending agent's fee, increases a sub-fund's income. This additional income increases a sub-fund's net assets and thus makes a positive contribution to the sub-fund's performance.

Shareholders should note, that the level of securities lending for each sub-fund will depend upon the assets held and the demand from borrowers. There is no guarantee that a specific sub-fund will engage in securities lending, or to what extent if it does participate. As such the benefit of securities lending will vary between sub-funds.

## **Risks and Mitigation Associated with Securities Lending**

Engaging in securities lending leads to credit risk exposure to the borrowers. In order to mitigate this exposure, borrowers are required to provide high quality and liquid collateral to cover more than 100% of the value of the securities loaned.

However, the risk remains that a borrower may not return the securities when due or may not provide additional collateral when required. A default of this nature by the borrower, combined with a fall in the value of the collateral below that of the value of the securities loaned, may result in a reduction in the net asset value of a sub-fund.

To mitigate the above risks, the maximum portion of each sub-fund's net assets which may be subject to securities lending is 29%.

### **Your Options**

- **1. Take no action.** Your investment will remain as it is today.
- 2. Convert your investment to another HSBC Global Investment Funds sub-fund available in Singapore If you wish to ensure the conversion is completed before the enhancements become effective, instructions must be received before the implementation date as given in the right-hand column. Please ensure you read the Key Investor Information Document of the sub-fund you are considering.
- Redeem your investment. If you wish to ensure your redemption is completed before the enhancements become effective, instructions must be received before the implementation date as given in the right-hand column.

**Options 2. and 3. may have tax consequences.** You may want to review these options with your tax adviser and your financial adviser.

SECURITIES LENDING IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

3 January 2022

**THE SUB-FUND:** HSBC Global Investment Funds – Ultra Short Duration Bond

**THE FUND** 

**HSBC Global Investment Funds** 

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Registration Number B 25 087

Terms not defined in this letter will have the same meaning as those defined in the current prospectus of HSBC Global Investment Funds.

The Board accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this letter as at the date of the mailing.

For and on behalf of the Board of HSBC Global Investment Funds. On behalf of HSBC Global Asset Management (Singapore) Limited

Patrice Conxicoeur

CEO and Head of South East Asia

^ 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