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**AXA World Optimal Income - A Acc CAP**  
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**AXA World Global Sustainable Aggregate - A EUR CAP**  
**AXA World Global Sustainable Aggregate - A DIS**  
**AXA World Global Inflation Bonds - A USD Hedged 95% CAP**  
**AXA World Global Inflation Bonds - A CAP**  
**AXA World Global High Yield Bonds - A EUR Hedged 95% DIS**  
**AXA World Global High Yield Bonds - A DIS**  
**AXA World Global High Yield Bonds - A CAP**  
**AXA World Global Emerging Markets Bonds - E EUR Hedged 95% CAP**  
**AXA World Global Emerging Markets Bonds - A CAP**  
**AXA World Framlington Switzerland - A Distribution DIS**  
**AXA World Framlington Switzerland - A CAP**  
**AXA World Framlington Longevity Economy - A CAP**  
**AXA World Framlington Italy - A CAP**  
**AXA World Framlington Human Capital - A CAP**  
**AXA World Framlington Evolving Trends Small Cap - A CAP**  
**AXA World Framlington Europe Real Estate Securities - A CAP**  
**AXA World Framlington Emerging Markets - A CAP**  
**AXA World Framlington American Growth - A CAP**  
**AXA World European Small Cap Equities - A CAP**  
**AXA World Euro Credit Short Duration - A CAP**  
**AXA World Euro Credit Plus - A CAP**  
**AXA World Euro 7-10 - A CAP**  
**AXA World Euro 10 + LT - A DIS**  
**AXA World Euro 10 + LT - A CAP**

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Dear Shareholders,

We are pleased to inform you that the directors of the Company (the "**Directors**") have decided to introduce a number of changes to the prospectus of the Company (the "**Prospectus**"), which will enable it to look after your interests more effectively.

*Except as otherwise specified in this notice, words and expressions contained hereafter shall have the same meaning as in the Prospectus.*

- I. **Enhancement of sustainable finance disclosures and the Sub-Funds SFDR classification**
- II. **Update of the sub-section "Distribution Policy" of the Section "Investing in the Sub-Funds" of the general part of the Prospectus**
- III. **Update of the sub-section "Minimum Subscriptions and Holdings" of the section "Investing in the Sub-Funds" of the general part of the Prospectus**
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- V. **Reshaping of the investment objective and strategy of "AXA World Funds – US Corporate Bonds" (the "Sub-Fund") being renamed "AXA World Funds – ACT US Corporate Bonds Low Carbon"**
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- XIV. Changes to the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Global Factors – Sustainable Equity (the “Sub-Fund”)**
- XV. Changes to the Investment Strategy and renaming of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Framlington Global Small Cap into AXA World Funds – Framlington Next Generation (the “Sub-Fund”)**
- XVI. Changes of the Investment Managers of certain Sub-Funds**
- XVII. Changes to the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Asian High Yield Bonds and AXA World Funds – Global High Yield Bonds**
- XVIII. Changes to the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – China Short Duration Bonds (the “Sub-Fund”)**
- XIX. Changes to the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Euro Sustainable Bonds (the “Sub-Fund”)**
- XX. Changes to the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Global Sustainable Aggregate (the “Sub-Fund”)**
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- XXVIII. Launch of several share classes**
- XXIX. Miscellaneous**

## **I. Enhancement of sustainable finance disclosures and the Sub-Funds SFDR classification**

The Board decided to further enhance the sustainable finance disclosures in the introductory section of the "Sub-Fund Descriptions" section of the Prospectus by listing the Sub-Funds that neither qualify as Article 8 or Article 9 products according to SFDR, to add a table referencing the name of each relevant Sub-Fund classifying as Article 8 or Article 9 product and to indicate also a clear reference to the SFDR classification of the relevant Sub-Fund as an Article 8 or Article 9 product in each relevant Sub-Fund 's Appendix.

**These changes take effect immediately, i.e. at the date of the publication of the updated prospectus.**

## **II. Update of the sub-section "Distribution Policy" of the Section "Investing in the Sub-Funds" of the general part of the Prospectus**

The transparency requirements regarding the different distribution policies have increased.

Consequently, for the distributing share classes of the Company, the Directors decided to clarify the nomenclature for the share classes name to enable identification of the corresponding distribution policy of each distributing share class.

The Directors therefore decided to introduce the below table in the prospectus:

<b>Share class Identifier</b>	<b>Dividend Basis</b>	<b>Description and Objective</b>
<b>Distribution</b>	Net Income	Aims to pay all income generated during the period after deduction of expenses from the NAV of the relevant Share.
<b>Distribution "gr"</b>	Gross Income	Aims to pay all income generated during the period before deduction of expenses from the NAV of the relevant Share.
<b>Distribution "ird"</b>	Determined on the basis of gross income and interest rate differential of Currency Hedged Share Classes	Aims to pay an amount or rate (pro-rated according to the relevant distribution frequency) over the fiscal year determined on the basis of gross income and positive interest rate differential.
<b>Distribution "fl"</b>	Determined on the basis of a fixed amount or rate per annum	Aims to pay a fixed amount or rate (pro-rated according to the relevant distribution frequency) over the fiscal year regardless of the actual level of income generated during the period of the relevant Sub fund.
<b>Distribution "st"</b>	Determined on the basis of gross income	Aims to pay a stable amount or rate (pro-rated according to the relevant distribution frequency) over the fiscal year without sustained and excessive capital erosion.

The Directors have decided to update the "Dividend Policy" within the sub-section "Share Classes" under section "Investing in the Sub-Funds" of the general part of revised Prospectus and, where relevant, the updated KIIDs. The amended wording within the Prospectus reads now as follows:

## **"Dividend Policy"**

~~Each Share Class may be sub-divided into two categories: distribution Shares and capitalisation Shares.~~

~~Capitalisation Shares do not declare any dividends and accordingly the income attributable to these Shares will be accumulated in their respective retain all income in the NAV.~~

~~Distributing Shares declare dividends at the discretion of the Board. Dividends may be paid out of the investment income and/or realised capital gains, or out of any other funds available for distribution. Dividends are paid annually and where relevant subject to Shareholders general meeting approval, and may pay them annually in the currency of the Share Class, except for distribution Shares which pay dividends monthly or quarterly ("Distribution monthly "m" or "Distribution quarterly "q" or Distribution semi-annually "s" Shares). declare dividends on a monthly, quarterly or semi-annual basis respectively. Additional interim dividends may also be declared at the discretion of the Directors and as permitted by Luxembourg law. Dividends shall be paid out of the investment income gains and/or realised capital gains, or out of any other funds available for distribution.~~

~~The distribution of some "Distribution monthly" Shares may be managed with the intention to provide a stable payment over the fiscal year. In determining the level at which the stable distribution should be set, consideration will be given to the securities held in the Sub-Fund and the gross income that these are estimated to generate. The amount distributed each month may not be consistent with the actual income earned during that month. Investors should be aware that any distributions involving payment of distributions out of a Sub-Fund's capital results in an immediate decrease in the NAV per Share and reduces the capital available for capital growth. As a result, such investors' investment in the Sub-Fund may be adversely affected. Whilst it is intended that Distributing Share Classes will declare and distribute dividends, investors should be aware that there may be circumstances when the level of the dividends declared is reduced or even when no distribution is made at all. They may carry a risk of capital erosion. Potential investors should carefully read the "Capital Erosion" Risk under "General Risks" in "Risk Descriptions". All potential investors are encouraged to seek tax advice before investing in Distributing Shares.~~

~~The Distributing Shares types are mentioned in the "Distributing Shares" table below.~~

~~In general, all dividends are paid in cash or reinvested in Shares of the same Sub-Fund and Share Class. Investors will receive a contract statement note detailing all cash payments or reinvestments in their account. However, investors should be aware that certain intermediaries, such as Euroclear or Clearstream, do not support dividend reinvestment and will therefore receive their dividends in cash if their Shares are held by Euroclear or Clearstream (which do not support dividend reinvestment) or if they specifically request dividend payment in cash on their Application Form.~~

~~If investors do receive dividends in cash, they can have them converted to a different currency, at their own expense and risk and subject to approval by the Management Company. Normal banking rates are used for calculating currency exchange values. Unclaimed dividend payments will be returned to the SICAV after five years. Dividends are paid only on Shares owned as at the record date.~~

~~No Sub-Fund will make a dividend payment if the assets of the SICAV are below the minimum capital requirement, or if paying the dividend would cause that situation to occur.~~

~~Each Sub-Fund may use equalization to prevent the net undistributed income per Share from fluctuating solely by reason of transactions in Shares. Under this accounting technique, an equalization account is credited with that portion of the proceeds of purchased Shares representing the net undistributed income per Share of those Shares, and is debited with that portion of any redemption payment representing the net undistributed income per Share of the redeemed Shares. The Management Company may apply an equalization accounting technique to ensure that the level of income attributable to each Share is not affected by the issue, conversion or redemption of those Shares during the distribution period. Investors should seek professional advice on the possible tax consequences of subscribing, redeeming or converting Shares, or the effects of any equalization policy relevant in respect of Shares."~~

The Directors have also decided to amend the sub-section "General Risks" under section "Risks Descriptions" of the general part of the revised Prospectus in order to add a new risk description on "Capital Erosion" which reads now as follows:

**“Capital Erosion** Dividends of Distribution “gr”, Distribution “fl”, Distribution “st” and Distribution “ird” Share(s) carry the risk of capital erosion since expenses may be taken from the capital. Where the expenses taken are greater than the income generated by the relevant Share Class, these expenses will be taken from the capital of concerned Share(s). Investors in such Share(s) should be aware that any payment of distributions out of the capital of a Share Class results in a decrease in the NAV per Share and further reduces the capital available for capital growth.”

**These changes take effect on 26 August 2021.**

### **III. Update of the sub-section “Minimum Subscriptions and Holdings” of the section “Investing in the Sub-Funds” of the general part of the Prospectus**

The Directors decided to reserve the right to reduce or waive any stated minimum investments or account balances for any Share Class of any Sub-Fund.

The Directors have therefore decided to amend the section “Minimum Subscriptions and Holdings” within the sub-section “Share Classes” under section “Investing in the Sub-Funds” of the general part of revised Prospectus which reads now as follows:

*“Amounts expressed in the Reference Currency of the Sub-Fund or the equivalent in the currency of the Share Class unless otherwise mentioned in the “Minimum Subscription and Holding Exceptions – Currency” table below. However, in particular cases and at its own discretion, the Board reserves the right to reduce or waive any stated minimum investments or account balances for any Share Class of any Sub-Fund.”*

The Directors consequently have decided to delete in the Notes column of the Class table the following sentence:

~~*“Investment minimums can be waived or modified at the Board’s discretion in particular cases.”*~~

The Directors have also decided to improve the readability of the threshold applicable to the RedEx Share Class and have therefore decided to reword the section “Minimum Subscriptions and Holdings” within the sub-section “Share Classes” under section “Investing in the Sub-Funds” of the general part of revised Prospectus by moving the following disclaimer before the Class table:

*“The Board also reserves the right to close a RedEx Share Class of any Sub-Fund if the value of this RedEx Share Class falls below:*  
*- EUR 2 million for any RedEx Share Class of AXA World Funds – Global Inflation Bonds, and*  
*- EUR 1 million for any RedEx Share Class of all other relevant Sub-Funds*  
*or the equivalent value in another currency and the Board believes this Share Class will not be able to properly achieve its investment objective.”*

The Directors have also decided to amend and complete the share class table regarding the G Class and to amend the section “Minimum Subscriptions and Holdings” within the sub-section “Share Classes” under section “Investing in the Sub-Funds” of the general part of revised Prospectus as follows:

- Notes for share class G: The Share Class will be closed to subscriptions the day after the threshold of 100 million EUR or equivalent\* in all the G Share Class currencies is reached or exceeded at the Sub-Fund’s level. The Company also reserves the right to close subscriptions before the threshold of 100 million\* in all the G Share Class currencies is reached at the Sub-Fund’s level.

\* By exception, the threshold in all the G Share Class currencies of:

- (i) AXA World Funds – US Enhanced High Yield Bonds is set at 150 million;

- (ii) AXA World Funds – ACT Factors – Climate Equity Fund is set at 150 million;
- (iii) AXA World Funds – ACT US High Yield Bonds Low Carbon is set at 300 million;
- (iv) AXA World Funds – ACT US Corporate Bonds Low Carbon is set at 300 million.

The Directors have also decided to simplify the “Minimum Subscription and Holding Exceptions – Amounts” table in section “Minimum Subscriptions and Holdings” within the sub-section “Share Classes” under section “Investing in the Sub-Funds” of the general part of revised Prospectus to remove the “Share Class Type” column.

**These changes take effect immediately, i.e. at the date of the publication of the updated prospectus.**

#### **IV. Global update of the Share Classes tables in the Sub-Funds Descriptions**

The Directors decided to make various clarifications to the Sub-Funds Descriptions section to delete the RedEx column and the Performance Fee column for Sub-Funds without shares of this type and to amend the Sub-Funds Descriptions of the revised Prospectus.

**These changes take effect immediately, i.e. at the date of the publication of the updated prospectus.**

#### **V. Reshaping of the investment objective and strategy of “AXA World Funds – US Corporate Bonds” (the “Sub-Fund”) being renamed “AXA World Funds – ACT US Corporate Bonds Low Carbon”**

The Directors decided to modify the Sub-Fund’s objective in order for the Sub-Fund to seek to achieve a carbon footprint at least 20% lower than its current index (Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade) by applying the same approach as that of the newly created Sub-Fund “AXA WF - US High Yield Bonds Low Carbon”, the aim being to offer a Low Carbon strategy across the entire US bond range, from High Yield to Investment Grade.

Therefore, the Directors decided to approve (i) the renaming of the Sub-Fund into “AXA World Funds – ACT US Corporate Bonds Low Carbon” and (ii) the amendments (as described below) to the sections “Investment Objective and Strategy” and “Risks”, as disclosed respectively in the Sub-Fund’s appendix in the revised Prospectus and the section “Objective and Investment Strategy” in the updated KIIDs.

The new section “Investment Objective and Strategy” of the Sub-Fund reads now as follows:

***Investment Objective*** *To seek both income and growth of your investment, in USD, from an actively managed bond portfolio whose carbon footprint, measured as carbon intensity, is at least 20% lower than that of the Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade index (the “Benchmark”). As a secondary ‘extra-financial objective’, the water intensity of the portfolio aims also at being at least 20% lower than the Benchmark.*

*The Sub-Fund’s objective to invest in lower carbon emissions intensive exposures than the Benchmark is not performed in view of achieving the long-term global warming objectives of the Paris Agreement.*

***Investment Strategy*** *The Sub-Fund is actively managed and references the Benchmark by both primarily investing in securities that are part of the Benchmark’s universe and seeking to achieve its extra-financial objective. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager has full discretion over the composition of the Sub-Fund’s portfolio and may take exposure to companies, countries or sectors not included in the Benchmark, even though the Benchmark constituents are generally representative of the Sub-Fund’s portfolio. Thus, the deviation from the Benchmark is likely to be significant. For the sake of clarity, the Sub-Fund’s Benchmark is a broad market index that has neither an explicit investment nor sustainability objective but is used to measure the*



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The Sub-Fund may invest up to 10% of net assets in UCITS and/or UCIs that are managed by an AXA IM group entity and will then themselves not invest in securities rated in accordance with the above rating limits. The Sub-Fund may not invest in external UCITS or UCIs.

~~The Sub-Fund always aims at outperforming the ESG rating of the investment universe as defined by the Benchmark, both ESG scores of the Sub-Fund and the Benchmark being calculated on a weighted average basis. The ESG rating method is described in the following link: <https://www.axa-im.com/responsible-investing/framework-and-scoring-methodology>. The ESG analysis coverage rate within the portfolio is at least 90% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund.~~

~~In addition, in the securities selection process, the Investment Manager bindingly applies at all times AXA IM's Sectorial Exclusion and ESG Standards Policies with the exception of derivatives and underlying eligible UCIs, as described in the documents available on the website: <https://www.axa-im.com/responsible-investing/sector-investment-guidelines>. The ESG criteria contribute to, but are not a determining factor in, the Investment Manager's decision making~~

(...)

**Derivatives and Techniques** The Sub-Fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management, hedging and investment. (...)

· securities lending: expected, ≈25%; max, 100%

~~· securities borrowing: expected, ≈25%; max, 50%~~

· repos/reverse repos: expected, ≈10%; max, 100%

Main types of assets in scope are bonds.

**Management Process** The Investment Manager selects investments by applying a 2-step approach: 1/ analysing carbon intensity and water intensity data to ensure that the average of KPI carbon intensity and water intensity calculated at Sub-Fund's level is at least 20% better than that calculated for the investable universe, followed by the application of a second exclusion filter, described in AXA IM's Sectorial Exclusion Policies and ESG Standards Policies; 2/ evaluation of market views: of economic, valuation, technical analysis of the markets based on a number of factors, including macro- and microeconomic analysis and credit analysis of issuers. The Investment Manager also manages the credit curve positioning and the exposure to different sectors and types of instruments."

The new section "Risks" of the Sub-Fund reads now as follows:

**"Risk Profile** Risk of capital loss.

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**Sustainability Risks** Given the Sub-Fund's Investment Strategy and risk profile, the likely impact of the Sustainability Risks on the Sub-Fund's returns is expected to be low ~~medium~~.

(...)."

The other features of the Sub-Fund, such as the method for calculating the global exposure, the typical profile of investors and the NAV calculation frequency are as described in the Sub-Fund's appendix in the revised Prospectus.

The Directors also decided to approve (i) the reduction of the management fee applicable to the Share Classes G and I from 0.30% to 0.25% and (ii) the creation and the launch of "Class ZI" within the Sub-Fund with the following features:

- ZI Share Classes will be available for subscription on 16 September 2021 or on the date of the first following subscription in these Share Classes at an initial price of USD 100 or EUR 100. The other characteristics of the ZI Share Classes are described in the Prospectus.

**These changes will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

**Shareholders who do not agree with such changes may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.**

**VI. Reshaping of the investment objective and strategy of “AXA World Funds – Euro 5-7” (the “Sub-Fund”) being renamed “AXA World Funds – Euro Strategic Bonds”**

The Directors decided to modify the Sub-Fund’s objective into a total return strategy benchmark unconstrained with more flexibility (structured products, emerging countries in particular). The intention of this initiative is to position the Sub-Fund for the future and leverage the success of other global bond funds seeking a combination of income and capital appreciation.

Therefore, the Directors decided to approve (i) the renaming of the Sub-Fund into “AXA World Funds – Euro Strategic Bonds” and (ii) the amendments (as described below) to the sections “Investment Objective and Strategy” and “Risks”, as disclosed respectively in the Sub-Fund’s appendix in the revised Prospectus and the section “Objective and Investment Strategy” in the relevant updated KIIDs.

The new section “Investment Objective and Strategy” of the Sub-Fund reads now as follows:

***“Investment Objective*** *To seek performance both income and growth of your investment, in EUR, from an actively managed bond portfolio*

***Investment Strategy*** *The Sub-Fund is actively managed without reference to any benchmark in reference to the FTSE EuroBig 5-7 Yr benchmark index (the “Benchmark”) in order to capture opportunities in the Euro corporate and government bonds market. The Sub-Fund invests at minimum one third of its net assets in the components of the Benchmark. Depending on its investment convictions and after comprehensive macroeconomic and microeconomic analysis of the market, the Investment Manager can take more active positioning in terms of duration (duration measures in numbers of years, the portfolio’s sensitivity to interest rate variations), geographical allocation and/or sector or issuer selection compared to the Benchmark. Thus, the deviation from the Benchmark is expected to be significant. However, in certain market conditions (high credit market volatility, turmoil...), the Sub-Fund’s positioning on the above indicators may be close to the Benchmark.*

*The Sub-Fund invests in bonds of any type, including inflation-linked bonds, and any credit quality from issuers anywhere in the world.*

*Specifically, the Sub-Fund mainly invests mainly in Investment Grade debt securities, including Investment Grade only mortgage and asset backed securities up to 5% of the Sub-Fund’s net assets, that are denominated in EUR and issued by governments, public institutions and companies.*

*The Sub-Fund’s average duration is expected to be managed with an Interest Rate Sensitivity ranging from 3 -2 to 8 years.*

*Specifically, at all times the Sub-Fund invests at least two thirds of net assets in transferable debt securities issued by governments, public institutions and companies and denominated in EUR.*

*In order to achieve this sensitivity target, the Sub-Fund invests across the entire yield curve.*

*The Sub-Fund may invest in Investment Grade and in Sub-Investment Grade Securities up to 20% of its net assets. However, the Sub-Fund does not invest in Sub-Investment Grade Securities rated CCC+ or below by Standard & Poor’s or equivalent rating by Moody’s or Fitch. Ratings are based on the lower of two ratings or the second highest of three ratings depending on how many ratings are available. If securities are unrated, they must be judged equivalent to those levels by the investment manager. In case of a credit downgrade below such minimum, securities will be sold within 6 months.*

*The Sub-Fund may also invest up to 30% of net assets in subordinated debts issued by banks, insurance companies and non-financial corporates and up to 30% of net assets in callable bonds.*

*The selection of debt securities is not exclusively and mechanically based on their publicly available credit ratings but also on an internal credit or market risk analysis. The decision to buy or sell securities is also based on other analysis criteria of the investment manager.*

*The Sub-Fund may invest up to 30% of net assets in bonds issued by emerging markets issuers.*

*The Sub-Fund may invest up to 5% of net assets in asset backed securities and up to 5% in contingent convertible bonds (CoCos).*

The Sub-Fund may invest its net assets in 144A securities, in a substantial way depending on the opportunity.

The Sub-Fund may invest in money market instruments.

The Sub-Fund may invest up to 10% of net assets in UCITS and/or UCIs that are managed by an AXA IM group entity and will then themselves not invest in securities rated in accordance with the above rating limits. The Sub-Fund may not invest in external UCITS or UCIs.

The Sub-Fund always aims at outperforming the ESG rating of a parallel comparison portfolio internally defined by the Investment Manager as a strategic asset allocation constituted of 90% FTSE EuroBIG All Mat +10% ICE BofA Euro High Yield Index, both ESG scores of the Sub-Fund and the composition of this comparison portfolio being calculated on a weighted average basis. The ESG rating method is described in the following link: <https://www.axa-im.com/responsible-investing/framework-and-scoring-methodology>. For the sake of clarity, the above indices are broad market indices that do not necessarily consider in their composition or calculation methodology the ESG characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund. The ESG analysis coverage rate within the portfolio is at least 90% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund.

In addition, in the securities selection process, the Investment Manager bindingly applies at all times AXA IM's Sectorial Exclusion and ESG Standards Policies with the exception of derivatives and underlying eligible UCIs, as described in the documents available on the website: <https://www.axa-im.com/responsible-investing/sector-investment-guidelines>. The ESG criteria contribute to, but are not a determining factor in, the Investment Manager's decision making.

The Sub-Fund always aims at outperforming the ESG rating of the investment universe as defined by the Benchmark, both ESG scores of the Sub-Fund and the Benchmark being calculated on a weighted average basis. The ESG rating method is described in the following link: <https://www.axa-im.com/responsible-investing/framework-and-scoring-methodology>. For the sake of clarity, the Benchmark is a broad market index that does not necessarily consider in its composition or calculation methodology the ESG characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund. The ESG analysis coverage rate within the portfolio is at least 90% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund.

In addition, in the securities selection process, the Investment Manager bindingly applies at all times AXA IM's Sectorial Exclusion and ESG Standards Policies with the exception of derivatives and underlying eligible UCIs, as described in the documents available on the website: <https://www.axa-im.com/responsible-investing/sector-investment-guidelines>. The ESG criteria contribute to, but are not a determining factor in, the Investment Manager's decision making.

**Derivatives and Techniques** The Sub-Fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management, hedging and investment.

Derivatives may include credit default swaps (single name CDS or CDS index).

Such derivatives with underlying indexes will not have significant rebalancing costs as the frequency of the rebalancing is generally quarterly or semi-annually depending on the nature of the CDS. The most representative indexes used within the Sub-Fund are iTraxx Europe Main and iTraxx Crossover. The methodology of these indexes is available on the following website: <https://ihsmarkit.com/index.html>. In exceptional market conditions, the Sub-Fund's exposure to a single issuer in an underlying index may be over 20%, and up to 35% of net assets, especially when underlying indexes are highly concentrated.

The Sub-Fund does not use total return swaps.

All derivatives usage will be consistent with the terms in "More about Derivatives and Efficient Portfolio Management".

For the purpose of efficient portfolio management, the Sub-Fund may use the following techniques (as a % of net assets):

- securities lending: expected, ≈25%; max, 100%
- securities borrowing: expected, ≈25%; max, 50%
- repos/reverse repos: expected, ≈10%; max, 100%

Main types of assets in scope are bonds."

The new section "Risks" of the Sub-Fund reads now as follows:

**"Risk Profile** Risk of capital loss.

**Risk Factors** The Sub-Fund is subject to the risks described in "General Risks", as well as to the following specific risks (described in "Specific Risks"):

- Derivatives and leverage
- Inflation-linked bonds
- Emerging markets
- High yield debt securities
- Subordinated debts risk
- Contingent convertible bonds
- 144A securities
- ESG
- Global investments
- Extension
- Reinvestment

In the section "Additional Features" of the Sub-Fund, the first paragraph reads now as follows:

**"Designed for Investors who plan to invest for at least 53 years".**

The other features of the Sub-Fund, such as the method for calculating the global exposure, the typical profile of investors and the NAV calculation frequency are as described in the Sub-Fund's appendix in the revised Prospectus.

**These changes will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

**Shareholders who do not agree with such changes may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.**

## VII. Value at Risk wording adjustments

The Directors decided to remove any ambiguity in the prospectus regarding VaR paragraphs and align the Prospectus on the regulatory limits, which implied amendments in the VaR wordings for the following Sub-Funds:

AXA WF Sub-Funds for which the prospectus wording currently mentions a VaR level below the regulatory limit	AXA WF Sub-Funds for which the prospectus wording currently mentions a VaR level equal to the regulatory limit
Defensive Optimal Income	US Enhanced High Yield Bonds
Global Optimal Income	Chorus Equity Market Neutral
Optimal Income	Chorus Multi Strategy
ACT Multi Asset Optimal Impact	Chorus Systematic Macro
Optimal Absolute	

For the Sub-Funds which VaR levels in the prospectus are currently equal to the regulatory limits (table on the right), the hard VaR limit will be now clearly indicated as follows:

- Before change: "The Investment Manager [aims to] or [shall] monitor the market risk under a VaR computation at 7% of the Sub-Fund's NAV, under normal market conditions. (...) Such VaR corresponds to a 1% probability that the Sub-Fund's NAV may lose more than 20% of its value within a 20 Business Days horizon and 99% confidence level parameters."
- After change: "The Investment Manager monitors the market risk below a VaR limit of 7%, under normal market conditions. (...). Such VaR corresponds to a 1% probability, under normal market

*conditions, that the Sub-Fund's NAV may lose more than 20% of its value within a 20 Business Days horizon."*

For the Sub-Funds which VaR levels in the prospectus are currently below the regulatory limits, the hard VaR limit will be now clearly indicated as follows:

- The wording referring to a hard VaR limit equal to the regulatory limit will replace the former wording
  - o Before changes: *"The Investment Manager aims to monitor the market risk under a VaR computation at [x]% of the Sub-Fund's NAV, under normal market conditions. (...) Such VaR corresponds to a 1% probability that the Sub-Fund's NAV may lose more than [x]% of its value within a 20 Business Days horizon and 99% confidence level parameters. Under normal market conditions, the Value At Risk level will correspond to a [x]% annual volatility."*
  - o After changes: *"The Investment Manager monitors the market risk below a VaR limit of 7% of the Sub-Fund's NAV, under normal market conditions. (...) Such VaR corresponds to a 1% probability, under normal market conditions, that the Sub-Fund's NAV may lose more than 20% of its value within a 20 Business Days horizon."*
- The former VaR levels were inferred from the upper bound of the volatility range of the SRRI of the Sub-Fund. The Sub-Funds are managed with a long term objective of volatility. Therefore, a wording will also be inserted in section "Investment Objective and Strategy" of the appendix of those Sub Funds that refers to the upper bound of the SRRI range: *"The Sub-Fund aims at not exceeding a [x]% annual volatility"*.

Those modifications are clarifications of the prospectus wordings and do not modify the risk profiles of the Sub-Funds. The Sub-Funds listed in the table above on the left are managed with a long-term objective of volatility.

The Directors decided to amend the above-mentioned Sub-Funds' appendices in the revised Prospectus to reflect the adjustment of the VaR wordings and the relevant updated KIIDs.

**These changes take effect on 26 August 2021.**

#### **VIII. Investment in Subordinated Debts wording adjustments**

The Directors decided to amend the sections "Investment Objective and Strategy" and "Risks" of the appendices in the revised Prospectus and the relevant updated KIIDs of the following Sub-Funds to authorise such Sub-Funds to invest in subordinated debts issued by banks, insurance companies and non-financial corporates and inserted relevant wordings in relation to the investment in such instruments:

<b>AXA WF Sub-funds</b>	<b>Subordinated Debt Limit</b>	<b>Additional Risk Factors</b>
Euro Credit Plus	30%	Subordinated debts
Euro Credit Total Return	60%	
Global Short Duration Bonds	25%	
Global Strategic Bonds	25%	

Consequently, the Directors decided to amend the sub-section "Specific Risks" under section "Risks Descriptions" of the general part of the revised Prospectus to add new a risk description on "Subordinated debts" which reads now as follows:

**"Subordinated debts risk** A Sub-Fund may invest in subordinated debt. Subordinated debt is debt which, in the case of insolvency of the issuer, ranks after other debts in relation to repayment. Because subordinated debt is repayable after senior debts have been re-paid, the chance of receiving any repayment on insolvency is reduced and therefore subordinated debt represents a greater risk to the investor. These securities generally have a lower rating than senior debt issued by the same issuer.

Depending on the jurisdiction of the issuer, a financial regulator with supervisory authority may use statutory powers and deem the issuer of subordinated debt to have reached a point of non-viability, meaning that public intervention would be necessary. Under such conditions, subordinated debt securities may absorb losses prior to bankruptcy."

**These changes will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

**Shareholders who do not agree with such changes may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.**

#### **IX. Investment in Distressed/ Defaulted bonds wording adjustments**

The Directors decided to amend the sections "Investment Strategy" and "Risks" of the appendices in the revised Prospectus and the updated KIIDs, where applicable, of the following Sub-Funds to clarify the Sub-Funds' investment in distressed and defaulted bonds and inserted relevant wordings in relation to the investment in such instruments:

<b>AXA WF Sub-funds</b>	<b>Distressed and Defaulted Securities limit</b>
Asian High Yield Bonds	10%
Asian Short Duration Bonds	10%
China Short Duration Bonds	5%
Euro Credit Plus	5%
Euro Credit Total Return	10%
European High Yield Bonds	10%
Global Credit Bonds	10%
Global Emerging Markets Bonds	10%
Global High Yield Bonds	10%
Global Short Duration Bonds	10%
Global Strategic Bonds	10%
US Credit Short Duration IG	10%
US Dynamic High Yield Bonds	10%
US Enhanced High Yield Bonds	10%
US High Yield Bonds	10%
US Short Duration High Yield Bonds	10%
Emerging Markets Short Duration Bonds	10%
Emerging Markets Euro Denominated Bonds	10%
Global Income Generation	10%
Defensive Optimal Income	10%

Global Optimal Income	10%
Optimal Income	10%
Optimal Absolute	10%
ACT Multi Asset Optimal Impact	10%

Consequently, the Directors decided to amend the sub-section "Specific Risks" under section "Risks Descriptions" of the general part of the revised Prospectus to add new risk descriptions on "Defaulted Securities", "Distressed Securities" which reads now as follows:

**"Defaulted Securities risk** *A Sub-Fund may hold Defaulted Securities that may become illiquid. The risk of loss due to default may also be considerably greater with lower-quality securities because they are generally unsecured and are often subordinated to other creditors of the issuer. If the issuer of a security in a Sub-Fund's portfolio defaults, the Sub-Fund may suffer unrealised losses on the security, which may lower the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value per Share. Defaulted Securities typically exhibit prices that are highly discounted to their face value."*

**"Distressed Securities risk** *A Sub-Fund may hold Distressed Securities. Distressed Securities are speculative and involve significant risk. Distressed Securities frequently do not produce income while they are outstanding and may require a Sub-Fund to bear certain extraordinary expenses in order to protect and recover its holding. Therefore, to the extent the Sub-Fund seeks capital appreciation, the Sub-Fund's ability to achieve current income for its Shareholders may be diminished by its holding of distressed securities. The Sub-Fund will also be subject to significant uncertainty as to when and in what manner and for what value the obligations evidenced by the distressed securities will eventually be satisfied (e.g., through a liquidation of the obligor's assets, an exchange offer or plan of reorganisation involving the distressed securities or a payment of some amount in satisfaction of the obligation). In addition, even if an exchange offer is made or a plan of reorganisation is adopted with respect to distressed securities held by the Sub-Fund, there can be no assurance that the securities or other assets received by the Sub-Fund in connection with such exchange offer or plan of reorganisation will not have a lower value or income potential than may have been initially anticipated. Moreover, any securities received by the Sub-Fund upon completion of an exchange offer or plan of reorganisation may be restricted as to resale. As a result of the Sub-Fund's participation in negotiations with respect to any exchange offer or plan of reorganisation with respect to an issuer of distressed securities, the Sub-Fund may be restricted from disposing quickly of such securities."*

The Directors have also decided to amend the section "Terms with Specific Meanings" of the general part of the revised Prospectus to add the following new definitions:

**"Defaulted Securities** *means a security whose issuer has failed to make an interest or principal payment according to the security's documentation and calendar. Defaulted securities are typically rated in the lower rating categories rating from rating agencies performing their surveillance (C by Moody's or D by Standard & Poor's) or are unrated securities considered by the Investment Manager of the relevant Sub-Fund to be of comparable quality.*

**Distressed Securities** *means debts that are officially in restructuring or in payment default and whose price is at least 50% lower than their face value and whose rating (by at least one of the major rating agencies) is lower than CCC- or, if unrated, judged equivalent to this level by the Investment Manager."*

**These changes will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

**Shareholders who do not agree with such changes may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.**



## X. PEA eligibility and related changes

The Directors have decided to amend the Sub-Funds Descriptions of the revised Prospectus and the relevant updated KIIDs to reflect the following precisions in respectively the following Sub-Funds:

- (i) In AXA World Funds – Framlington Europe MicroCap and AXA World Funds – Framlington Europe ex-UK MicroCap: clarification of the threshold for micro-capitalized companies at below one billion euros pursuant to the applicable PEA-PME ratio.
- (ii) In AXA World Funds – Framlington Eurozone RI: precision that this Sub-Fund is eligible for the PEA in France and addition of PEA constraints and modification of the section “Investment Strategy” as follows:

*“Specifically, at all times the Sub-Fund invests essentially in equities of at least 75% of net assets in PEA eligible securities and rights issued by companies registered in the EEA and 60% of those assets at the minimum are invested in Eurozone markets that are domiciled or do most of their business in the Eurozone. The Sub-Fund invests not more than 10% of net assets in companies not based in the Eurozone, including emerging markets.*

*The Sub-Fund may invest up to ~~one third~~ 25% of net assets in money market instruments.”*

The expected AUM used for stock-lending section is also reduced from 25% to 20% as follows:

  - “securities lending: expected, ~~~25~~ 20%; max, 100%”

The section “Additional Features” of the Sub-Fund is modified as follows:

*“Other PEA eligible”.*

**These changes take effect immediately, i.e. at the date of the publication of the updated prospectus.**

## XI. Change in the way orders are processed for subscription, switching and redemption from a Forward-Forward Pricing Basis to a Forward Pricing Basis for several Sub-Funds

Within the Sub-Funds, the following processes co-exist in terms of application of the dealing price to the orders received and accepted by the registrar agent of the Company:

- Forward Pricing Basis: a policy under which orders received before the cut off are processed at the valuation day; and
- Forward-Forward Pricing Basis: a policy under which orders received before the cut off are processed at the following valuation day.

The Management Company has performed an analysis and the review made has permitted to confirm the proposed scope of Sub-Funds that could be moved to a Forward Pricing Basis under an appropriate governance.

The Directors therefore decided to change the way orders are processed for subscription, switching and redemption from a Forward-Forward Pricing Basis to a Forward Pricing Basis for the following AXA World Funds Sub-Funds:

- Global Buy and Maintain Credit,
- Global Credit Bonds,
- Global Short Duration Bonds,
- Global Strategic Bonds,
- Emerging Markets Short Duration Bonds,

- Global Emerging Markets Bonds,
- Global Factors - Sustainable Equity.

The Directors decided therefore to amend the Sub-Funds Descriptions of the revised Prospectus of the above-mentioned Sub-Funds and the relevant updated KIIDs.

**This change will take effect on 20 September 2021 (the “Effective Date”).**

**As a result, all orders received by the registrar agent after 15:00 Luxembourg time on 16 September 2021 and by 15:00 Luxembourg time on the Effective Date will be traded at the Dealing Price applicable to the Effective Date.**

**Shareholders who do not agree with such change may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 20 September 2021.**

**XII. Change to the Investment Strategy and renaming of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Framlington Clean Economy (the “Sub-Fund”) in AXA World Funds – ACT Framlington Clean Economy**

The Directors decided to rename the Sub-Fund into “AXA World Funds – ACT Framlington Clean Economy” and to amend the Sub-Fund Description in the revised Prospectus in order to add the possibility for this Sub-Fund to invest up to 10% in A Shares listed in the Shanghai Hong Kong Stock Connect.

**This change will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

**Shareholders who do not agree with such change may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.**

**XIII. Change to the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Framlington Europe Small Cap (the “Sub-Fund”)**

The Directors decided to amend the Sub-Fund Description of AXA World Funds – Framlington Europe Small Cap in the revised Prospectus and updated KIIDs to remove the one third limit disclosed for the investment in medium capitalisation companies listed on European markets.

**This change will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

**Shareholders who do not agree with such change may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.**

**XIV. Change to the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Global Factors – Sustainable Equity (the “Sub-Fund”)**

The Directors decided to amend the Sub-Fund Description of AXA World Funds – Global Factors – Sustainable Equity in the revised Prospectus to remove the possibility for the Sub-Fund to use securities borrowing and repos/reverse repos techniques.

**This change will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

Shareholders who do not agree with such change may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.

#### **XV. Change to the Investment Strategy and renaming of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Framlington Global Small Cap into AXA World Funds – Framlington Next Generation (the “Sub-Fund”)**

The Directors decided to rename the Sub-Fund into “AXA World Funds – Framlington Next Generation” and to amend the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund in the revised Prospectus and the relevant updated KIIDs to precise that this Sub-Fund invests essentially in equities of small capitalisation companies anywhere in the world, including equities that are part of the Benchmark, i.e. the S&P Global Small Cap Total Return Net benchmark index.

The Directors also decided to clarify the investment Objective of the Sub-Fund in the revised Prospectus and the relevant updated KIIDs as following:

*“To seek both long-term growth of your investment, in USD, and a sustainable investment objective, from an actively managed portfolio of listed equity and equity-related securities portfolio of innovative companies, in line with a socially responsible investment approach”*

and precise in the Management Process section that the Investment Manager selects securities by using an analysis of the companies’ quality of technical edge and innovation, among other criteria.

**This change will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

Shareholders who do not agree with such change may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.

#### **XVI. Changes of the Investment Managers of certain Sub-Funds**

The Directors decided to amend the appendix of AXA World Funds – Framlington Emerging Markets to reflect the transfer of the portfolio management from AXA IM UK to AXA IM Asia Ltd (Hong-Kong SAR), due to an internal reorganisation and change in the AXA IM’s staff members, a majority of the assets under management being Asian securities. The transfer has no impact on the portfolio management process or fees borne by the Sub-Fund.

The Directors decided to amend the appendix of AXA World Funds – Global Strategic Bonds to add AXA IM Asia Ltd (Hong-Kong SAR) as sub-delegate for the investment management of the Asian securities considering its expertise. This appointment has no impact on fees borne by the Sub-Fund.

The Directors decided also to amend the appendix of AXA World Funds – Global High Yield Bonds to reflect the transfer of the portfolio management lead from AXA IM UK to AXA IM Inc (Greenwich, USA) which will become Investment Manager instead of AXA IM UK Limited which will become Sub-Investment Manager for European fixed income securities, due to an internal reorganisation. The transfer has no impact on the portfolio management process or fees borne by the Sub-Fund.

**These changes will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

Shareholders who do not agree with such changes may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.

**XVII. Changes to the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Asian High Yield Bonds and AXA World Funds – Global High Yield Bonds**

The Directors decided to amend the Investment Strategy of AXA World Funds – Asian High Yield Bonds and AXA World Funds – Global High Yield Bonds in the revised Prospectus and relevant updated KIIDs to clarify the following investment limits, to align the Prospectus with the Hong Kong legal documentation as required by the Hong Kong authority:

*"The Sub-Fund may invest up to 100% of net assets in sovereign debt securities but does not invest more than 10% in securities issued or guaranteed by a single country (including its government and any public or local authority there) that are Sub-Investment Grade.*

*(...)*

*It is the current intention of the Investment Manager to enter into securities lending, securities borrowing transactions and repos/reverse repos for less than 30% of net assets in aggregate."*

**These changes will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

**Shareholders who do not agree with such changes may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.**

**XVIII. Change to the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – China Short Duration Bonds (the "Sub-Fund")**

The Directors decided to amend the Investment Strategy of AXA World Funds – China Short Duration Bonds in the revised Prospectus to precise the possibility for the Sub-Fund to invest or to be exposed to at least 10% of its net assets in Green Bonds, Social Bonds and Sustainable Bonds (as defined in the Prospectus).

**This change will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

**Shareholders who do not agree with such change may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.**

**XIX. Change to the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Euro Sustainable Bonds (the "Sub-Fund")**

The Directors decided to amend the Sub-Fund Descriptions of AXA World Funds – Euro Sustainable Bonds in the revised Prospectus and updated KIIDs to clarify the possibility for the Sub-Fund to be exposed, on an ancillary basis, to securities not denominated in EUR and to exchange rate risk in order to address the requirements applicable to its French feeder fund, AXA Horizon ISR.

**This change will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

**Shareholders who do not agree with such change may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.**

## **XX. Changes to the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Global Sustainable Aggregate (the “Sub-Fund”)**

The Directors decided to amend the Investment Strategy of AXA World Funds – Global Sustainable Aggregate in the revised Prospectus and updated KIIDs to limit the possibility for the Sub-Fund to invest in equities and equity-related securities in aggregate, limit the maximum investment in relation to convertible securities and precise the average duration, in relation to the future registration of the Sub-Fund in Taiwan, as follows:

### ***“Investment Strategy (...)***

*The Sub-Fund invests or is exposed to at least 10% of its net assets in ~~g~~Green ~~b~~Bonds, ~~s~~Social ~~b~~Bonds and ~~s~~Sustainable ~~b~~Bonds.*

*The Sub-Fund may invest in the following, up to the portion of net assets shown:*

- mortgage and asset backed securities: one third*
- money market instruments: one third*
- convertible securities: one quarter 10%, including maximum 5% in contingent convertible bonds (CoCos)*

*The Sub-Fund may invest up to 5% of net assets in contingent convertible bonds (CoCos) 10% of its net assets in equities and equity-related securities in aggregate.*

*The Sub-Fund's portfolio has a weighted average duration of no less than one year.*

*The Sub-Fund may invest its net assets in 144A securities, in a substantial way depending on the opportunity.”*

**These changes will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

**Shareholders who do not agree with such changes may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.**

## **XXI. Change to the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Euro Sustainable Credit (the “Sub-Fund”)**

The Directors decided to amend the Investment Strategy of AXA World Funds – Euro Sustainable Credit in the revised Prospectus to precise, in addition to the investment, the possibility for the Sub-Fund to also be exposed to at least 10% of its net assets in Green Bonds, Social Bonds and Sustainable Bonds (as defined in the Prospectus).

**This change will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

**Shareholders who do not agree with such change may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.**

## **XXII. Multi-assets Sub-Funds reshaping**

The Directors decided to amend the Multi-assets Sub-Funds (AXA WF - Defensive Optimal Income, AXA WF - Optimal Income, AXA WF - Global Optimal Income, AXA WF - Optimal Absolute and AXA WF - Global Income Generation) Investment Strategies as further detailed in the revised Prospectus to implement the changes listed below.

The changes are further described in the below listing showing each amendment applicable to each of the relevant multi-assets Sub-Funds (as listed above):

**(i) AXA WF - Defensive Optimal Income**

The Sub-Fund's appendix has been amended in order to:

- move the mention of the maximum target 5% annual volatility from the sub-section "Objective" to the sub-section "Investment Strategy";
- specify the possibility for the Sub-Fund to be exposed to up to 100% of its net assets in Investment Grade corporate securities and/or money market instrument and remove the specific mention to investments in companies or public institution in OECD countries;
- increase the investments in securities from emerging market from 15 to 40%;
- increase the investments in/ exposure to Sub-Investment Grade Securities from 15 to 20% and specify the definition of such assets;
- add the possibility to invest/ be exposed up to 15% in securities traded on the CIBM through Bond Connect;
- add the possibility to invest/ be exposed up to 15% in commodities through commodity indices, exchange-traded funds, exchange-traded commodities, equities, units or shares of UCITS and/or UCIs ;
- specify that the derivatives may be also used for hedging purposes and include TRS on commodities and indices on commodities;
- specify the reasons for the non-significant rebalancing costs of the indexes underlying the derivatives; and
- amend the sub-section "Risk Factors" according to the above.

**(ii) AXA WF - Optimal Income**

The Sub-Fund's appendix has been amended in order to:

- mention the maximum target 15% annual volatility in the sub-section "Investment Strategy";
- specify that the Sub-Fund is managed with an Interest Rate Sensitivity ranging from minus 2 to 8;
- specify the possibility for the Sub-Fund to be invested in/ exposed to up to 100% of its net assets in Investment Grade corporate securities issued by companies that are domiciled or listed in Europe and/or money market instruments;
- increase the investments in/ exposure to equities from issuers based outside Europe, including Chinese A Shares listed in the Shanghai Hong-Kong Stock Connect from 10 to 20%;
- add the possibility to make investments in/ get exposure in securities from emerging market up to 40%;
- add the possibility to invest up to 20% in Sub-Investment Grade Securities and specify the definition of such assets;
- add the possibility to invest up to 15% in securities traded on the CIBM through Bond Connect;
- specify that the securitisation vehicles or equivalent such as asset-backed securities (ABS), collateralised debt obligations (CDO) or collateralised loan obligations (CLO) or any similar assets of any currency may be of any rating or unrated;
- add the possibility to invest / be exposed up to 35% in commodities through commodity indices, exchange-traded funds, exchange-traded commodities, equities, units or shares of UCITS and/or UCIs;
- specify, for the avoidance of doubt, that the use of derivatives for investment purposes is limited to 40% of the net assets of the Sub-Fund;
- specify that the derivatives that may be used include TRS on commodities and indices on commodities;
- specify the reasons for the non-significant rebalancing costs of the indexes underlying the derivatives; and
- amend the sub-section "Risk Factors" according to the above.

**(iii) AXA WF - Global Optimal Income**

The Sub-Fund's appendix has been amended in order to:

- mention the maximum target 15% annual volatility in the sub-section "Investment Strategy";
- specify that the Sub-Fund is managed with an Interest Rate Sensitivity ranging from minus 2 to 8;
- specify the possibility for the Sub-Fund to invest/ be exposed to up to 100% of its net assets in Investment Grade corporate securities and/or money market instrument and remove the specific mention to investments in companies or public institution in OECD countries;
- increase the investments in securities from emerging markets from 20 to 40%;
- add the possibility to invest/ be exposed up to 20% in Sub-Investment Grade Securities and specify the definition of such assets;
- add the possibility to invest/be exposed up to 15% in securities traded on the CIBM through Bond Connect;
- add the possibility to invest in/be exposed up to 35% in commodities through commodity indices, exchange-traded funds, exchange-traded commodities, equities, units or shares of UCITS and/or UCIs;
- specify that the derivatives that may be used include TRS on commodities and indices on commodities;
- specify the reasons for the non-significant rebalancing costs of the indexes underlying the derivatives; and
- amend the sub-section "Risk Factors" according to the above.

**(iv) AXA WF - Optimal Absolute**

The Sub-Fund's appendix has been amended in order to:

- mention the maximum target 10% annual volatility in the sub-section "Investment Strategy";
- add the possibility to invest in exchange-traded funds;
- specify that the derivatives that may be used include TRS on commodities and indices on commodities;
- Increase expected leverage; and
- specify the reasons for the non-significant rebalancing costs of the indexes underlying the derivatives.

**(v) AXA WF – Global Income Generation**

The Sub-Fund's appendix has been amended in order to:

- mention the Sub-Fund is using a fundamental approach and/or a proprietary quantitative process;
- specify that the Sub-Fund may also seek exposure to other asset classes, such as commodities notably through commodity indices, exchange-traded funds, exchange-traded commodities, equities, units or shares of UCITS and/or UCIs;
- specify that the proportion of the Sub-Fund's assets that can be invested in equities and/or in commodities or commodity indices is flexible and may vary from 0% to 50%; and
- indicate that the allocation between the various asset classes in which the Sub-Fund may invest is decided in a flexible and discretionary manner.

**These changes will take effect on 16 September 2021, i.e. one month after the date of the present Notice.**

**Shareholders who do not agree with such changes may request the redemption of their shares free of charge until 16 September 2021.**

### **XXIII. Sub-Funds renaming**

The Directors decided to rename the following Sub-Funds:

- Euro Aggregate Short Duration => Euro Short Duration Bonds
- Framlington Euro Opportunities => Framlington Euro Selection
- Framlington Human Capital => ACT Framlington Human Capital
- Framlington Social Progress => ACT Framlington Social Progress





- Multi Asset Optimal Impact => ACT Multi Asset Optimal Impact
- US High Yield Bonds Low Carbon => ACT US High Yield Bonds Low Carbon (altogether referred as the “**Renamed Sub-Funds**”).

The Directors decided therefore to change of the names of the Renamed Sub-Funds in the revised Prospectus and in the updated KIIDs.

**These changes take effect on 26 August 2021.**

#### **XXIV. Clarification to the Investment Strategy and renaming of the Sub-Fund AXA World Funds – Global Green Bonds (the “Sub-Fund”) in AXA World Funds – ACT Global Green Bonds**

The Directors decided to rename the Sub-Fund in AXA World Funds – ACT Global Green Bonds and to amend the Investment Strategy of the Sub-Fund in the revised Prospectus to precise that the Benchmark is “BofA Merrill Lynch Green Bond Hedged” instead of “BofA Merrill Lynch Green Bond Hedged Euro” and that the “*Exposure of the Sub-Fund’s assets denominated in non-EUR currency **will** be hedged against EUR*” instead of “*Exposure of the Sub-Fund’s assets denominated in non-EUR currency **may** be hedged against EUR*”.

**These changes take effect on 26 August 2021.**

#### **XXV. Redrafting of the Management Company Services Agreement and the Investment Management Agreements**

In order to comply with the different evolutions of the applicable laws and regulations that occurred since their execution, the Directors updated and restated the Management Company Services Agreement and the Investment Management Agreements between the Management Company and its relevant Investment Managers delegates.

**These changes take effect at the date of the signature of the relevant agreements.**

#### **XXVI. Removal of Sub-Funds**

The Directors decided to remove all mentions of the previously liquidated sub-funds AXA World Funds – China Domestic Growth Equity and AXA World Funds – Global Multi Credit and of the non-launched sub-fund AXA World Funds – Emerging Markets Bonds Total Return from the revised Prospectus.

**These changes take effect immediately, i.e. at the date of the publication of the updated prospectus.**

#### **XXVII. Business days**

The Directors decided to amend the revised Prospectus to update the Business Day of the following AXA World Funds Sub-Funds:

- Chorus Equity Market Neutral: addition of Japan,
- Chorus Multi Strategy: deletion of the United Kingdom,

- THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

## XXVII. Launch of several share classes

## XXIX. Miscellaneous

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Yours faithfully,

The Board of Directors  
AXA World Funds