

### Mitteilung an alle Anteilseigner der HSBC Global Fonds:

Anbei finden Sie die Information der Fondsgesellschaft, folgende Fonds sind betroffen:

LU0165128348	HSBC Global Investment Euro High Yield Bond - AC CAP
LU0165128421	HSBC Global Investment Euro High Yield Bond - A DIS
LU0165124784	HSBC Global Investment Euro Credit Bond - A CAP
LU0054450605	HSBC Global Investment Emerging Markets Equity - A DIS
LU0165073775	HSBC Global Investment Euroland Equity Smaller Companies – A CAP
LU0164939612	HSBC Global Investment Asia ex Japan Equity Smaller
	Companies - A CAP
LU0165289439	HSBC Global Investment Asia ex Japan Equity - A CAP
LU0082770016	HSBC Global Investment Asia ex Japan Equity Smaller
	Companies - A DIS

Details können Sie der beigefügten Anlage entnehmen. Falls Ihre Kunden diesen Änderungen nicht zustimmen und die Möglichkeit besteht, die Anteile ohne Gebühren seitens der Fondsgesellschaft zurückzugeben, können Sie den Verkauf der Anteile direkt in MoventumOffice erfassen.

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### **HSBC Global Investment Funds**

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### Dear Shareholder,

We are writing to inform you that the investment objective as described in the prospectus for the HSBC Global Investment Funds sub-funds listed below (the "In-Scope Sub-Funds"), in one or more of which you own shares, has been enhanced. The enhancement reflects that they are managed as Article 8 Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) funds.

In addition, for the purposes of Article 8, a restriction on investing in companies with exposure to specific excluded activities ("Excluded Activities"), such as thermal coal extraction, will come in to force from 3 January 2022.

Article 8 funds promote environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors as an integral part of their investment strategy and decision making process. This could be accomplished by focussing, for example, on companies with a better than average ESG rating, companies following strong corporate governance practices or companies which are actively operating in areas which reduce ESG risk, such as green energy firms.

The enhancement of the investment objective and the additional restriction does not signify a change to their core investment objectives or risk ratings. 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.

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

# In-Scope Sub-Funds

HSBC Global Investment Funds - Euro Bond

HSBC Global Investment Funds - Euro Credit Bond

HSBC Global Investment Funds - Euro High Yield Bond

HSBC Global Investment Funds - Global Corporate Bond



## The Investment Objective Enhancement

Euro Bond has been used as an illustrative example. The enhancements highlighted in red apply equally to all other In-Scope Sub-Funds.

	Current	Investment Objecti	ve
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The sub-fund aims to provide long term total return by investing in a portfolio of Euro denominated bonds.

The sub-fund invests in normal market conditions a minimum of 90% of its net assets in Euro denominated Investment Grade rated fixed income and other similar securities which are either issued or guaranteed by governments, government agencies, supranational bodies or by companies which are domiciled in, based in, or carry out the larger part of their business in any country including developed markets and Emerging Markets.

### **New Investment Objective**

The sub-fund aims to provide long term total return by investing in a portfolio of Euro denominated bonds while promoting ESG characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of SFDR. The sub-fund aims to do this with a higher ESG rating, calculated as a weighted average of the ESG ratings given to the issuers of the sub-fund's investments, than the weighted average of the constituents of the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate (the "Reference Benchmark").

The sub-fund invests in normal market conditions a minimum of 90% of its net assets in Euro denominated Investment Grade rated fixed income and other similar securities which are either issued or guaranteed by governments, government agencies, supranational bodies or by companies which are domiciled in, based in, or carry out the larger part of their business in any country including developed markets and Emerging Markets.

The sub-fund includes the identification and analysis of an issuer's ESG credentials ("ESG Credentials") as an integral part of the investment decision making process to reduce risk and enhance returns.

ESG Credentials may include, but are not limited to:

- environmental and social factors, including but not limited to physical risks of climate change and human capital management, that may have a material impact on a security issuer's financial performance and valuation
- corporate governance practices that protect minority investor interests and promote long term sustainable value creation.

The sub-fund will not invest in bonds issued by companies with exposure to specific excluded activities ("Excluded Activities"). Excluded Activities are proprietary to HSBC and may include, but are not limited to weapons, thermal coal extraction, coal-fired power generation and tobacco.

The sub-fund conducts enhanced due diligence on bond issuers that are considered to be non-compliant with the UN Global Compact Principles, or are considered to be high risk as determined by the HSBC's proprietary ESG ratings.

ESG Credentials, Excluded Activities and the need for enhanced due diligence may be identified and analysed by using, but not exclusively, HSBC's proprietary ESG Materiality Framework and ratings, fundamental qualitative research and corporate engagement. The Investment Adviser may rely on expertise, research and information provided by well-established financial data providers.

More information on HSBC Asset Management's responsible investing policies is available at

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# Reason for the Investment Objective Enhancements

Over recent years ESG factors and sustainability have become an increasingly important part of investment management decision making. SFDR was introduced as part of a package of legislative measures arising from the European Commission's Action Plan on Sustainable Finance.

SFDR formalises the categorisation of funds based on their approach to ESG factors and sustainability. There are three categories:

Article 6 - a fund for which ESG factors and sustainability are not part of the investment process;

Article 8 - a fund for which ESG factors and sustainability are an integral part of the investment process and which promotes the same; and

Article 9 - a fund that has ESG factors and sustainability as its primary investment objective.

HSBC has had the capability to integrate ESG factors and sustainability into its investment process for a considerable time and has a number of long established funds that could qualify as Article 8 SFDR funds. Based on this and the introduction of SFDR we have reviewed all sub-funds of HSBC Global Investment Funds with a view of re-categorising them from Article 6 to Article 8. The In-Scope Sub-Funds were identified as those for which ESG factors and sustainability is already an integral part of the investment process.

Enhancing the In-Scope Sub-Funds' investment objectives as detailed above facilitates their re-categorisation from Article 6 to Article 8 and gives them the best opportunity to not only fulfil their investment aims but also meet client's ESG expectations. Incorporating an ESG performance target and ESG Credentials in the investment decision making process and introducing Excluded Activities, focusses the In-Scope Sub-Fund on market recognised ESG investment practices. This focus will be strengthened through the partnerships with ESG financial data providers.

# **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. 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.

Regardless of which option you choose, you will not be charged any conversion or redemption fees by HSBC. Please note that some distributors, paying agents, correspondent banks or intermediaries might charge switching and/or transaction fees or expenses at their own discretion.

EXCLUDED ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

3 January 2022

**THE SUB-FUNDS:** In-Scope Sub-Funds as listed above

THE FUND

**HSBC Global Investment Funds** 

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Management Company HSBC Investment Funds (Luxembourg) S.A.

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.