# HSBC Global Strategy Portfolios and HSBC Global Managed Portfolio Service

## Similarities and differences

|   | HSBC Global Strategy Portfolios  | HSBC Global Managed Portfolio Service   |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| Number of funds/models in range                   | 5 (Cautious, Conservative, Balanced, Dynamic,<br>Adventurous)  | 5 (Cautious, Conservative, Balanced, Dynamic,<br>Adventurous)   |  |  |  |
| Launch date                                       | 17/10/2011<br>*Conservative and Adventurous Portfolios launched<br>24/08/2017  | 01/07/2018  |  |  |  |
| Defaqto Ratings                                   | 2, 4, 5, 7, 8  | 2, 4, 5, 7, 8   |  |  |  |
| Dynamic Planner Ratings                           | 3, 4, 5, 6, 7  | 3, 4, 5, 6, 7   |  |  |  |
| FinaMetrica Ratings                               | 26-40, 41-52, 55-66, 67-81, 75-100   | 26-41, 43-54, 56-68, 70-86, 77-100  |  |  |  |
| Synaptic Ratings                                  | 2.5, 2.7, 3.5, 4.4, 4.8  | 2.5, 2.8, 3.5, 4.4, 4.7   |  |  |  |
| EValue Ratings                                    | 1, 3, 5, 8, 9  | 1, 3, 5, 8, 10  |  |  |  |
| Total cost  | 0.17% - 0.20% OCF  | 0.22% - 0.24% OCF<br>(Including the flat annual service fee of 0.15%)   |  |  |  |
| Estimated transaction costs (incl. in total cost) | 1-3bps   | 7-9bps  |  |  |  |
| Asset classes used                                | Global equities, global corporate bonds (GBP hedged), global government bonds (GBP hedged) and property  | Global equities, global corporate bonds (GBP hedged),<br>global government bonds (GBP hedged) and property  |  |  |  |
| SAA construction process                          | SAA is reviewed periodically to ensure the portfolios remain in line with their agreed risk profiles   | SAA is reviewed periodically to ensure the portfolios remain in line with their agreed risk profiles. We expect to rebalance the models between 3 and 7 times a year, in response to market conditions                                    |  |  |  |
| Active asset allocation                           | Yes  | Yes   |  |  |  |
| Platform availability                             | All major find platforms   | Aviva, Scottish Widows Platform, M&G Wealth, Fidelit<br>Adviser Solutions, Fundment, Morningstar Wealth,<br>Wealthtime, Abrdn Wrap, 7IM, Transact and Quilter   |  |  |  |
| Asset vehicles used                               | OEICs, ETFs, ICAVs, direct investments, derivatives  | OEICs, ETFs, ICAVs  |  |  |  |
| Fulfilment  | Low cost fulfilment strategy: exposures are traditional ralternative weighting scheme/smart beta strategies). A manged funds (where used)  | market cap weighted (i.e. no active managers or<br>ccess to zero management charge share classes of HSBC  |  |  |  |
| Portfolio differences                             |  |   |  |  |  |
| Level of service                                  | Support to the IFA provided by the wholesale sales team  | Enhanced service including the support of a wealth manager  |  |  |  |
| Currency management                               | Global Strategy can achieve currency hedging via FX forwards at the portfolio level  | Global MPS holds currency hedged share classes to achieve desired currency exposures  |  |  |  |
| Use of direct securities                          | Global Strategy holds some global government bonds directly  | Global MPS does not hold any direct equities or bonds<br>All fulfilment is via funds  |  |  |  |
|   | HSBCs multi-asset discretionary services drift and the portfolio manager makes a decision about when to rebalance. The result is that any given point in time, the allocations of Global MPS models and Global Strategy Portfolios may not be perfectly aligned, despite following a common asset allocation |   |  |  |  |
| Rebalancing<br>approach                           | The Global Strategy Portfolios' allocations rebalance back to desired targets in an algorithmic intelligent fashion, ensuring portfolio exposures do not "drift" from the SAA meaningfully through time  | Global MPS model are updated periodically in a manual process reflecting changes in view of the investment management team, Rebalancing does not happen to a set schedule. We expect to rebalance the models between 3 and 7 times a year |  |  |  |

Source: HSBC Asset Management as at September 2023. **Ratings should not be taken as a recommendation.** The FinaMetrica score refers to their 'ok risk' range. The Synaptic score refers to their 1-5 scale SAA rating. The EValue Risk Ratings is based on 1-10 scale data generated by Fund Risk Assessor on a 25-year time horizon.



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It is important to remember that the value of investments and any income from them can go down as well as up and is not guaranteed.

**Counterparty Risk:** The possibility that the counterparty to a transaction may be unwilling or unable to meet its obligations.

Credit Risk: A bond or money market security could lose value if the issuer's financial health deteriorates.

**Default Risk:** The issuers of certain bonds could become unwilling or unable to make payments on their bonds.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivatives can behave unexpectedly. The pricing and volatility of many derivatives may diverge from strictly reflecting the pricing or volatility of their underlying reference(s), instrument or asset.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** Emerging markets are less established, and often more volatile, than developed markets and involve higher risks, particularly market, liquidity and currency risks.

**Exchange Rate Risk:** Changes in currency exchange rates could reduce or increase investment gains or investment losses, in some cases significantly.

**Interest Rate Risk:** When interest rates rise, bond values generally fall. This risk is generally greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment and the higher its credit quality.

**Investment Fund Risk:** Investing in other funds involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly. Governance of underlying assets can be the responsibility of third-party managers.

**Investment Leverage Risk:** Investment Leverage occurs when the economic exposure is greater than the amount invested, such as when derivatives are used. A Fund that employs leverage may experience greater gains and/or losses due to the amplification effect from a movement in the price of the reference source.

**Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity Risk is the risk that a Fund may encounter difficulties meeting its obligations in respect of financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or other financial assets, thereby compromising existing or remaining investors.

**Operational Risk:** Operational risks may subject the Fund to errors affecting transactions, valuation, accounting, and financial reporting, among other things.

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There are additional risks associated with specific alternative investments within the portfolios; these investments may be less readily realisable than others and it may therefore be difficult to sell in a timely manner at a reasonable price or to obtain reliable information about their value; there may also be greater potential for significant price movements.

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