

## Key Investor Information

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# US Multi-Factor Equity Fund

a sub-fund of HSBC Universal Investment Funds, (the "OEIC");  
managed by HSBC Asset Management (Fund Services UK) Limited

Class: Institutional Income  
ISIN: GB00B2NRQ036

**Explanations of terms shown within the objectives and policy in bold, can be found within the glossary on the HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited website: <http://www.assetmanagement.hsbc.com>.**

## Objectives and Investment Policy

- The Fund aims to provide **growth** in the long term, which is a period of five years or more.
- To achieve its objective the Fund will invest at least 80% of its value in shares (**equities**) of US companies. US companies are those that are based in the US, or earn at least 80% of their revenue from the US.
- The Fund may invest up to 20% of its value in other assets, such as shares of non-US companies, assets equivalent to shares of companies and cash.
- The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its value in other funds, which may be managed by the **HSBC Group**.
- The investment manager identifies potential shares of companies from the S&P 500 Index together with potential shares of companies that are not part of the Index and ranks them from the least attractive to most attractive based upon certain factors, such as value, quality and size. The manager's investment approach then aims to maximise exposure to the highest ranked shares whilst maintaining a portfolio diversified by companies and sectors to manage risk.

### Use of Benchmarks

- The Fund is managed with reference to the S&P 500 Index. The sector and stock constraints, relative to the S&P 500 Index, within the investment strategy means the Fund **returns** are more likely to be closer to the **returns** of the S&P 500 Index

than if there were no limits on the level of risk the Fund may take.

- The S&P 500 Index is also considered as part of our investment risk monitoring process, to check that the overall level of risk taken by the fund manager is not inconsistent with the US **equities** market.
- The performance of the Fund is therefore shown against the performance of the S&P 500 Index.

### Use of Derivatives

- The Fund may invest in different types of **derivatives** for **efficient portfolio management** purposes, including **hedging**. The Fund does not currently use **derivatives** to reduce the risk of movements in the rate of exchange between Sterling and other currencies in which the Fund's assets may be held. The Fund does not intend to use **derivatives** extensively and their use will be consistent with the risk profile of the Fund.
- The Fund may enter into securities lending transactions for up to 29% of its assets. However, this is not expected to exceed 25%.
- Income is distributed.
- You may sell your investment on any business day by contacting the administrator before the dealing deadline at 12pm.
- Recommendation: this Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within a period of 5 years.

## Risk and Reward Profile



The risk and reward indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.

The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. The lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.

### Why is this Fund in this specific category?

This Fund is classified in category 5 because its price or simulated data has shown medium to high fluctuations historically.

### Material risks not fully captured by the Risk and Reward Indicator:

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

- 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.
- Exchange Rate Risk** Changes in currency exchange rates could reduce or increase investment gains or investment losses, in some cases significantly.
- 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 is a measure of how easily the Fund's holdings can be quickly converted to cash. The value of the Fund's holdings may be significantly impacted by liquidity risk during adverse market conditions.
- Operational Risk** Operational errors may affect transactions, valuation, accounting, financial reporting and other processes relating to the Fund.

Charges

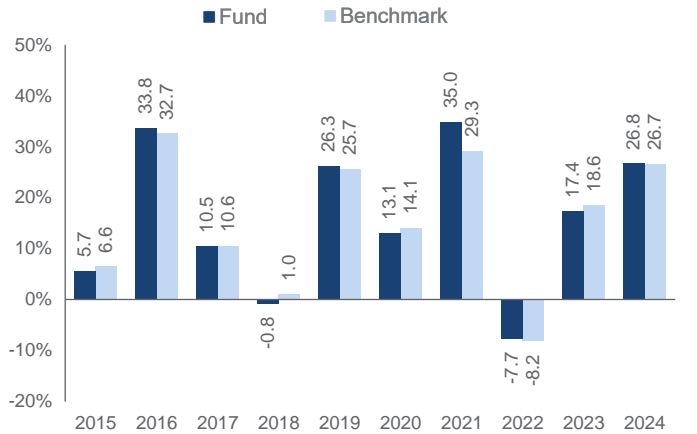
The charges you pay are used to pay the running costs of the Fund, including the marketing and distribution costs. These charges reduce the potential growth of the investment.

<b>One-off charges taken before or after you invest</b>	
Entry charge	0.00%
Exit charge	0.00%
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.	
<b>Charges taken from the Fund over a year</b>	
Ongoing charge	0.03%
<b>Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions</b>	
Performance fee	None

- The entry and exit charges shown are the maximum that may be charged. In some cases you may pay less. You can obtain the actual charges from your financial adviser.
- A conversion charge may be payable.
- The ongoing charges figure shown here is an estimate of the charges. The ongoing charges figure shown is an estimate due to a material change in the fee structure. The Fund's annual report for each financial year will include detail on the exact charges made.

Further information on Charges can be found in the "Fees and Expenses" section of the Fund's Prospectus.

Past Performance



- Past performance is not a guide to future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up.
- Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested. Past performance takes account of all ongoing charges but not entry, exit or conversion charges.
- The past performance of this share class is calculated in GBP.
- The performance of the Fund is shown against the performance of the S&P 500 Index.
- The Fund was launched on 24 July 2006.

Practical Information

Depository

State Street Trustees Limited.

Further information

Further information about the OEIC including the latest Prospectus, latest published prices of shares, annual report and half yearly report may be obtained free of charge, in English, from the Administrator, HSBC Asset Management (Fund Services UK) Limited, Sunderland SR43 4BF or by visiting [www.assetmanagement.hsbc.com](http://www.assetmanagement.hsbc.com). The most recent Prospectus is available in English. This document describes a single share class of the OEIC. The Prospectus, annual and half yearly reports are prepared for the entire OEIC.

Share classes

Other share classes are available, as detailed in the Prospectus. It is possible to convert your shares into a different share class or switch your shares into a different Fund within the OEIC. Details of how to do this are in the Prospectus (please note an initial charge may apply).

Remuneration Policy

The Remuneration Policy of the Authorised Corporate Director, which describes the remuneration practices and governance arrangements for UCITS and AIFMD Authorised entities, is available at [www.assetmanagement.hsbc.com](http://www.assetmanagement.hsbc.com) (please select "About Us" then "Our Governance" then "Remuneration Practices and Governance Arrangements for UCITS and AIFMD Authorised Entities") or on request free of charge from the Administrator.

Tax

UK tax legislation may have an impact on your personal position.

Management Company

HSBC Asset Management (Fund Services UK) Limited, the Authorised Corporate Director, may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus for the OEIC.

Segregated liability

The OEIC is an umbrella investment company with segregated liability between Funds. This means that the holdings of one Fund are kept separate from the holdings of the other Funds and your investment in the Fund cannot be used to pay the liabilities of any other Fund.