

27 April 2022

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HSBC FUNDS

Investor Reference:

Dear Shareholder,

We are writing to advise you of some changes we are making to the sub-funds of the HSBC Index Tracker Investment Funds open-ended investment company (OEIC). You hold one or more of these funds with us. The changes will take effect from 27 June 2022.

This letter provides details of the changes and the reasons why we are making them, but in summary we are changing the wording of the investment objective for each fund in its Prospectus. We are making these changes to provide greater clarity about what each fund aims to achieve. This is not a change to the way the funds are managed, their overall investment strategy or their risk profile.

#### Changes to investment objectives

The investment objective, together with the policy and strategy, is broadly a description of what each fund aims to achieve and the way we intend to do this. These descriptions are important because they help shareholders to consider their investment options and to decide whether a fund is suited to their individual needs.

We have reviewed the investment objective in the Prospectus and are making changes to provide greater clarity about what each fund aims to achieve. The current and revised wording is enclosed. In particular, we have removed wording from the investment objective that states that the funds aim to provide "growth", "income", or "returns". We believe it is clearer and more measurable for the investment objective to simply state that the aim of the funds is to track the performance of the relevant index. For the UK Gilt Index Fund, although we are removing the reference to "Income" from the objective, the Fund will continue to distribute any income generated (where applicable for the share class). We have also added wording to clarify that the funds aim to track the performance of the deduction of charges (and where relevant tax) from the funds.

We are also making similar changes to the Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs). The revised KIIDs will be published from 27 June 2022 on our website, www.assetmanagement.hsbc.co.uk, or can be obtained by contacting us.

As set out above, these revisions do not change our investment approach. We will continue to manage the funds in the same way. It is important to remember that the value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and shareholders may receive back less than the original amount invested. There is no guarantee that the investment objectives of any fund will be achieved.

# Do I need to take any action?

You do not need to take any action, this letter is for your information.

### What is the view of the regulator and the depositary?

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), the regulator of the funds, has confirmed that the implementation of the changes set out in this letter will not affect the ongoing authorisation of the funds and the OEIC.

In accordance with normal market practice State Street Trustees Limited, the depositary of the funds, while expressing no opinion on the merits or otherwise of the changes set out in this letter, has informed us that it has no objection to the changes.

# Where can I obtain further information about these changes?

If you have any questions or would like more detail about the changes you can send an e-mail to HSBCenquiries@ntrs.com or call us on 0800 358 3011\*.

If you have any doubts about whether this investment will continue to meet your needs you should consult a financial adviser.

Yours sincerely

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### **Important Notes**

This letter relates to sub funds of HSBC Index Tracker Investment Funds, an Open Ended Investment Company that is authorised in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority. The Authorised Corporate Director is HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited. All applications are made on the basis of the HSBC Index Tracker Investment Funds Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document (KIID), Supplementary Information Document (SID) and most recent annual and semi-annual report, which can be obtained upon request free of charge from HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited, 8, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HQ, UK, or the local distributors where applicable. **Shareholders and potential investors should read and note the risk warnings in the prospectus and relevant KIID and additionally, in the case of retail clients, the information contained in the supporting SID.** 

\* Lines are open 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). To help us to continually improve our service and in the interest of security, we may monitor and/or record your communications with us.

Fund	Current Investment Objective	Revised Investment Objective
American Index Fund	the long term, which is a period of five	The Fund aims to track the performance of the S&P 500 Index (the "Index") before the deduction of charges and tax.
Developed World Sustainable Equity Index Fund	tracking the performance of the FTSE Developed ESG Low Carbon Select	The Fund aims to track the performance of the FTSE Developed ESG Low Carbon Select Index (the "Index") before the deduction of charges.
European Index Fund	the long term, which is a period of five	excluding UK Index (the "Index") before the deduction of charges and tax.
FTSE All-Share Index Fund	the long term, which is a period of five	The Fund aims to track the performance of the FTSE All-Share Index (the "Index") before the deduction of charges and tax.
FTSE All-World Index Fund	the long term, which is a period of five	The Fund aims to track the performance of the FTSE All-World Index (the "Index") before the deduction of charges and tax.
FTSE 100 Index Fund	the long term, which is a period of five	The Fund aims to track the performance of the FTSE 100 Index (the "Index") before the deduction of charges and tax
FTSE 250 Index Fund	the long term, which is a period of five	The Fund aims to track the performance of the FTSE 250 Index (the "Index") before the deduction of charges and tax.
Japan Index Fund	the long term, which is a period of five	The Fund aims to track the performance of the FTSE Japan Index (the "Index") before the deduction of charges and tax.
Pacific Index Fund	the long term, which is a period of five years or more, by tracking the	The Fund aims to track the performance of the FTSE World Asia Pacific excluding Japan Index (the "Index") before the deduction of charges and tax.
Sterling Corporate Bond Index Fund		The Fund aims to track the performance of the Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts Index (the "Index") before the deduction of charges and tax.

UK Gilt Index Fund	The Fund aims to provide <i>income</i> by	The Fund aims to track the performance
	tracking the performance of the FTSE	of the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional
	Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All	Gilts All Stocks Index (the "Index) before
	Stocks Index (the "Index).	the deduction of charges and tax.