

14 April 2023

Dear Investor

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Japan Index Fund

The stock exchanges in Japan will be closed for business from 3 May 2023 to 5 May 2023 as part of Japan's Golden Week public holiday period. Please note that 1 May 2023 and 8 May 2023 are also UK public holidays.

With the stock exchanges closed for consecutive days we will not be able to buy and sell underlying stocks for the Fund. Additionally, the price of stocks as listed on the closed exchanges will not change to reflect any wider economic developments during this time. This creates risks for the Fund. In order to mitigate these risks, we are exercising our discretion to declare the period from 28 April 2023 to 8 May 2023 inclusive as non-dealing days for the Fund.

This means that investors in the Fund will not be able to buy, sell, switch or convert shares in the Fund during this non-dealing period. Apart from the days that are UK public holidays, we will still publish prices for shares in the Fund during this non-dealing period, taking account of our fair value pricing policy. We believe this approach is in the best interests of investors in the Fund and is the same approach we follow for UK public holidays.

In order for instructions to buy, sell, switch or convert shares in the Fund to be processed **before** this non-dealing period they must be received by us by 12 noon on 27 April 2023. Any instructions to buy, sell, switch or convert shares in the Fund that are received by us after this time will be retained and processed when normal dealing in the Fund is resumed on 9 May 2023.

For regular savers who invest in the Fund by Direct Debit, the amount you invest will be collected from your bank account on 2 May 2023 and will be used to buy shares in the relevant Fund(s) when normal dealing is resumed on 9 May 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or require further information, please call the Fund Servicing Centre on 0800 358 3011 or write to us at HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited, Sunderland, SR43 4BF. Lines are open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). To help us continually improve our service and in the interest of security, we may monitor and/or record your communications with us.

Yours sincerely



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For and on behalf of HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited