



## HSBC MSCI WORLD SMALL CAP ESG UCITS ETF

### The sub-fund will promote the following environmental and social characteristics:

In replicating the performance of the MSCI World Small Cap SRI ESG Universal Select Index (the "Index"), the Fund promotes the following environmental and/or social characteristics

- an improvement of the ESG rating against that of the MSCI World Small Cap Index (the "Parent Index")

The Fund seeks to achieve the promotion of these characteristics by replicating the performance of the Index which removes companies based on sustainability exclusionary criteria and United Nations Global Compact exclusionary criteria and which selects companies in order to improve the exposure to companies with favourable ESG ratings.

The Index has been designated as a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The Index achieves this in the following ways:

1. Excluding securities of companies with exposure (as defined by the Index provider in the Index methodology) to any of the following characteristics (each characteristic will apply thresholds, as defined by the Index provider and set out in the Index methodology and which may be amended from time to time).
2. The Index applies the MSCI ESG Leaders methodology (which is available on the Index provider's website) to achieve its ESG objective by only selecting companies that have the highest MSCI ESG Ratings, in order to increase exposure to those companies demonstrating both a robust ESG profile as well as a positive trend in improving that profile, while seeking to minimise exclusions from their Parent Index.

Do no significant harm analysis is completed by the Index provider as part of the Index construction.

### Investment Strategy and Proportion of Investments:

The Fund is passively managed and will aim to replicate the net total return performance of the Index.

In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Fund will aim to invest in the constituents of the Index in generally the same proportions in which they are included in the Index. Cash and other instruments may be used for liquidity, hedging and efficient portfolio management.

The Fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments.

## Methodologies:

HSBC Asset Management's ESG data team leverages its proprietary data to run internal ESG reports to ensure sustainable objectives and targets, and the indicators used to measure these, as embedded in the product's methodology, are met. Using this data HSBC Asset Management conducts regular reviews with the relevant index partner to ensure accuracy of the data being provided.

Good corporate governance has long been incorporated in HSBC Asset Management's proprietary fundamental company research. HSBC Asset Management's Stewardship team meets with companies regularly to improve our understanding of their business and strategy, signal support or concerns we have with management actions and promote best practice. HSBC Asset Management believes that good corporate governance ensures that companies are managed in line with the long-term interests of their investors.

For our full Stewardship Policy, please go to [www.assetmanagement.hsbc.com/about-us/responsible-investing/policies](http://www.assetmanagement.hsbc.com/about-us/responsible-investing/policies).

More information is available on request.