#### **HSBC UCITS ADVANTEDGE PLC**

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(the "Company")

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Dear Investor,

We, the board of directors of the Company (the "Board"), are writing to let you know that your investment in HSBC UCITS AdvantEdge plc – HSBC UCITS AdvantEdge Fund (the "Fund") may be impacted as a result of the introduction of the Overseas Fund Regime (the "OFR") in the United Kingdom ("UK"). This letter is intended to explain the possible impact of the OFR on your investment.

### **Background**

The share classes listed below in Appendix 1 were previously registered under the Temporary Marketing Permissions Regime ("**TMPR**") in the UK. The TMPR was introduced as an integral part of Brexit where its purpose was to allow investment firms located in the European Economic Area ("**EEA**") to continue to market certain of their investment funds in the UK following the UK's departure from the European Union. The TMPR has now been replaced by the OFR and all EEA UCITS that are currently operating under the TMPR, excluding EEA UCITS that have been authorised as money market funds, must transition to the OFR by 31 December 2026.

#### **Application for OFR Recognition**

On 03 July 2025 the Management Company, HSBC Investment Funds (Luxembourg) S.A. (as the "Operator" of the Company), applied for OFR recognition for certain share classes of Fund that were in the TMPR. The Fund's application was approved by the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA"), the UK's financial regulator, on 29 July 2025. However, due to the limited number of UK shareholders in the share classes listed below in Appendix 1, these share classes were not included in the Fund's OFR application (each a "deregistered share class").

## Options Available to you

Our records show that you hold shares in one of more of the deregistered share classes listed below. You are not required to take any action and may continue to hold your shares in the Fund. However, please note that the Operator will no longer be actively marketing the deregistered share classes in the UK and will also request that its platform providers cease to distribute the deregistered share classes in the UK.

If your shares are held in an Individual Savings Account ("**ISA**") or Child Trust Fund (together a "**wrapper**"), they remain qualifying investments for these wrappers as the Fund itself is recognised under the OFR.

However, if you are a UK investor, you should be aware that with effect from 31 December 2025 the deregistered share class(es) may no longer have UK reporting fund status unless specified otherwise in Appendix 1 below. This may impact the amount of tax you are liable to pay in the UK. If you are in doubt about your potential tax liability, you should seek professional advice regarding the tax implications of this change.

Should you decide that the deregistered share class(es) no longer meet your needs, you may wish to (i) apply for redemption of your shares or (ii) consider switching your existing shares to a share class of the Fund that will be registered in the OFR, subject to meeting the eligibility criteria of such share class.

If you wish to ensure your switch or redemption is completed before the change of UK reporting fund status of the share class(es) in which you are invested, instructions must be received before 5.00 p.m. Irish time on 24 December 2025.

Reportable income for the period ending 31 December 2025 will be made available at https://www.assetmanagement.hsbc.co.uk/en.

You can view the list of share classes at <a href="https://www.assetmanagement.hsbc.co.uk/en">https://www.assetmanagement.hsbc.co.uk/en</a> currently lists all share classes registered in the UK. This list will be updated to exclude the share classes listed below at the appropriate time.

The prospectus of the Company as well as the annual and semi-annual reports of the Company are also available on https://www.assetmanagement.hsbc.co.uk/en.

Regardless of which option you choose, you will not be charged any switching or redemption fees by HSBC. However, please note that some distributors, paying agents, correspondent banks or intermediaries might charge switching and/or transaction fees or expenses at their own discretion.

Please take a moment to review the above information. If you still have questions, please contact your local agent or HSBC Asset Management office.

For and on behalf of the Board of HSBC UCITS AdvantEdge plc.

# **Appendix 1**

List of share classes which will no longer be registered in the UK and will not be marketed to UK investors:

Fund Name	ISIN	Deregistered Share Class	UK Fund Reporting Status
HSBC UCITS AdvantEdge Fund	IE00B55H4F31	Sterling	YES
HSBC UCITS AdvantEdge Fund	IE00B4WJWP18	US Dollar	YES
HSBC UCITS AdvantEdge Fund	IE00B4T7Y304	Euro	YES